

## **GOD YOU ARE**

### ***“God You Are My Creator”***

**Psalm 139:13-16**

#### **Introduction**

**On Palm Sunday I took my grandchildren to church up in New York. In the car ride back to their apartment, we were talking about what they had learned about God that day in church. Owen asked the question- “Who is God?” Annabelle answered, “He’s our Heavenly Daddy. He made us!”**

You may have some questions about God, who He is, what He does for us, what kind of relationship do we have with Him or even, how can I have a relationship with Him? This new series, **God You Are** will answer some of these questions for you.

One note as we begin. God is eternal, Almighty, All-powerful, All-knowing and Every-where present. In our human understanding we can’t totally comprehend the magnitude of who God is. If we could, He wouldn’t be God. That is a good thing, because you and I need a God who is greater than we are!

But the good news is that God has chosen to reveal Himself to us. He has revealed Himself to us through this world that He has created, through His Son Jesus Christ and through His written Word, the Bible. God has communicated many things about Himself that we can know. What He has told us is sufficient for us to have a relationship with Him, which is why He has revealed Himself to us.

It is important that we receive and understand these truths about God. Many people have misconceptions about God. They want God to be who they want Him to be. Many times their ideas of who God is, is not who God really is. **C. S. Lewis said that God has no desire to be God on your terms.** If we want to have a relationship with God, we must accept God on His terms, who He really is as He has revealed Himself to us.

This morning we will start with the fact that God has made us. We will look at how God created us and why He created us. This will help us to begin to understand our special relationship with God. This lesson will also answer the questions that are deep within the soul of each and every one of us: Who am I? Where did I come from? Why am I here? Where am I going?

**Psalm 139:13-16-** David's praise for God who created him.

As we consider God's creation of us, we go back to the very first fact about the creation of man:

## **1. God created you in His Image**

### **Genesis 1:27**

Since you and I have been created in God's image, we bear His likeness. We are His children. We are valuable to God. You and I matter to God.

Since we were created in God's image, we were created sinless. But when each of us sinned, we became corrupted, as Paul wrote:

***"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." – Romans 3:23***

Although we were the ones who chose to sin and fall from God's glory, God took the initiative to restore us unto Himself and to His image. He did this by sending Jesus to be our Savior.

Jesus died on the cross, taking on the punishment of our sins. When we receive Him as our Savior, God forgives our sins and we are restored to sinlessness in God's sight.

This doesn't mean that we are perfect. It doesn't mean that we will never sin. It means that when God looks at us, He looks at us through the filter of Christ's death for our sins. When he looks at us, He sees the perfection of Christ and the image of Christ in us. The apostle Paul wrote:

***“For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.”  
– Romans 8:29***

**Author Glenn Stanton put it this way- “We serve a God who created our humanity, weeps at the fall of our humanity and is redeeming our humanity.”**

God created us in His image and has restored us to His image through Christ. The second fact about God’s creation of us is that.....

## **2. God created you unique**

David wrote that God had knitted him together in his mother’s womb and he praised God that he was both fearfully and wonderfully made.

Likewise God fashioned you in your mother’s womb. You were personally created by God. You were fearfully made. I take that to mean two things. One it is amazing that God created us in the first place. He didn’t have to. He chose to.

Secondly, your body is an amazing creation. It can do so many things. Many of those things are done automatically, inside your body, to sustain your life even though we are not consciously aware of them.

You are also wonderfully made. God custom designed you. He created your body just the way He wanted it to be. He determined your race and every feature of your body. Now some of us have re—shaped our bodies in various ways. And some of us have tried to alter our appearance. But God gave you your body with its unique features.

God blessed you with your natural talents and abilities that you possess. He gave you your intellect and your personality.

You are uniquely you. You are one of a kind. There is no one quite like you. Even identical twins are not identical. Every person is distinctive. Every

person has a distinctive DNA and a distinctive set of fingerprints. God made you as an original and He threw away the mold.

That means that you are valuable. An original of anything is much more valuable than a copy of it. And the fewer of anything, the more valuable each of those items are, such as a rare coin or stamp. Since you are an original and there is no one else exactly like you, that makes you special. You are highly valuable in God's sight.

Russell Kelfer summed it up in his poem:

***You are who you are for a reason,  
You're part of an intricate plan.  
You're a precious and perfect unique design,  
Called God's special woman or man.***

***You look like you look for a reason,  
Our God made no mistake.  
He knit you together within the womb,  
You're just what he wanted to make.***

***The parents you had were the ones he chose,  
And no matter how you may feel,  
They were custom-designed with God's plan in mind,  
And they bear the Master's seal.***

***No, that trauma you faced was not easy,  
And God wept that it hurt you so;  
But it was allowed to shape your heart  
So that into his likeness you'd grow.***

***You are who you are for a reason,  
You've been formed by the Master's rod.  
You are who you are beloved,  
Because there is a God!***

What does this mean? It means that you need to accept yourself for who you are. Don't compare yourself with someone else. Don't try to be like someone else. Be yourself. Be who God created you to be. It's been said, **that you are the only one who can be you and get it right!** Rejoice in who you are and how God made you.

**My granddaughter Annabelle will every once in a while announce, "I'm special". She will do that totally unprompted. She does that because our daughter Gillian, Dawn and myself have told Annabelle how special she is.**

God wants you to realize that you are special too. He created you special, unique, one of a kind, a rare and precious person. He has communicated in His word how special you are to him. Accept this fact and rejoice in it.

A third fact about God's creation of us is.....

### **3. God created you for a purpose**

Let me first say that God created you on purpose. David said in verse 16 of our text that every one of His days were ordained by God and written down in God's book even before he was born.

Your birth was known and planned by God. God knew about your existence even before you existed. He knew what your birth date would be even before you were born. I like what Rick Warren says about this in his book, ***The Purpose Driven Life:***

**"You were not an accident. Your birth was no mistake or mishap, and your life is no fluke of nature. Your parents may not have planned you, but God did. He was not at all surprised by your birth. In fact, he expected it.**

**"Long before you were conceived by your parents, you were conceived in the mind of God. He thought of you first. It is not fate, nor chance, nor luck, nor coincidence that you are breathing at this very moment. You are alive because God wanted to create you!"**

That should communicate to you that you were wanted. You were wanted by God. He chose to create you. Why did God want to create you? His motive for creating you was his love. Paul wrote:

***“Long before he laid down earth’s foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love.” – Ephesians 1:4***

God created you to love you. That is a grand truth to build your life on!

God created you on purpose and He created you for a purpose. David declared:

***“The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me.” – Psalm 138:8***

God has a purpose for your life. God wants you to live a life that has meaning and significance to it. But if you don’t sense a purpose for your life, it could be that you have allowed a lot of other things to distract you and take your focus off of what God has planned for your life.

**In 2009, the Ketchum Global Research Network asked 1,000 Americans, ages 25-54 what they think about the most while they shower. Here were the top four responses:**

**To-do lists  
Problems & worries  
Daydreams  
Work**

What is it that consumes your thoughts and plans as you get ready for each day? Where is God and His plan for your life in your daily thoughts and activities? Do you ever start out your day by praying- “God, what do you want me to do today? Please fulfill the purpose you have for my life.”?

If you are frustrated in your life and you have no real sense of fulfillment with your life, it may just be that you are letting a lot of other things come before living for God and following His purpose for your life.

**One time Jesus was visiting in the home of his friends, Mary and Martha. While Jesus was there, Martha was distracted with all the preparations that had to be made. Mary, on the other hand, sat at Jesus' feet and listened to him teach.**

**Martha complained about this. She said, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"**

**Jesus' reply was, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things. But only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."**

Martha was frustrated because she was distracted with other things. Mary's focus was where it should have been, on the Lord.

Are you living like Mary or like Martha? If you are living like Martha and allowing everything else in life to distract your attention away from God, you won't realize his purpose in your life. You will be frustrated and unfulfilled in your life. If we want to know God's purpose in our lives, we have to stay on focused on Jesus like Mary was.

Turn with me to **Jeremiah 29:11-13, page # 558 in the pew Bible**. God promises that He has plans for your life. But notice that He said that we will only find Him when we seek Him with all of our hearts. A half-hearted commitment to the Lord will not result in us knowing God's purpose for our lives.

We must make God the reference point of our life....we must make serving God the number one priority in our lives if we are to know His purpose for our lives.

God's ultimate plan and purpose for our lives is to save us so we can live with Him forever in heaven. This leads into our fourth and final point about God being our Creator.....

#### **4. God created you for eternity**

Ecclesiastes 3:11 tells us why we have the hope of life after death. It tells us that God has wired us this way:

***“He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men, yet they cannot fathom what God done from beginning to end.” – Ecclesiastes 3:11***

God has placed eternity in our hearts. Our desire to live forever is given to us by God. That explains why, even though we know that everyone eventually dies, death always seems unnatural and unfair. The reason we feel we should live forever is because God wired us with that desire.

This also explains why you don't and won't feel completely satisfied in this life. It's because we were made for eternity. **A fish would not be happy on dry land....an eagle won't be satisfied until it can soar up high....and you and I will not be completely happy on earth.** The reason why is because we were not made for this earth. We were created for eternity. And while we have moments of joy here on earth, it will be nothing like what God has in store for us in heaven.

Since we were created for eternity, we need to live with the realization that our life on earth will come to an end. In verse 16 of our text, David stated ***that all the days ordained for him were written in God's book.*** All the days ordained for him indicates not only a beginning to our earthly life but also an end to it. Our days are numbered on this earth.

**There is an internet site-deathclock.com where you can go and get an estimated calculation on how much time you have left on earth based on the following information: date of birth...gender.... Your outlook on life (optimist/pessimist)...whether or not you smoke, body mass index based on your height and weight. You plug in all your information and the site calculates your personal day of death.**

**Would you like to know mine? March 8, 2050. It estimated that I will live 40 more years; die at the age of 94! I can live with that. Dawn, don't start counting the life insurance money just yet!**

**Now when you program in all your information and you get your estimated date of death, the death clock will show in seconds the amount of time you have left to live and will start ticking down.**

Now you may think that is morbid. You may not like thinking about death. You may think it unhealthy to think about death. Just the opposite is true according to the Bible:

***“It is better to go to a house of mourning than to go to a house of feasting, for death is the destiny of every man; the living should take this to heart.” – Ecclesiastes 7:2***

It is better to visit a funeral home when someone dies than to go to a birthday party. We should take it to heart that there is a date out in the future that will be the date of our death. David prayed:

***“Show me, O Lord, my life’s end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting is my life.” – Psalm 39:4***

Most of us are just the opposite. Instead of taking it to heart that we will die, we try not to think about death. We avoid talking about it. That, the Bible says, is unhealthy. If we don’t take it to heart we will be unprepared and that is foolish because death is inevitable.

It is wise to realize that we are going to die one day. This will help us to be prepared for eternity through having a relationship with God. If you will commit your life to God, He will take care of you from start to finish, just as He promised....

***“I have carried you since you were born; I have taken care of you from your birth. Even when you were old, I will be the same. Even when your hair has turned gray, I will take care of you. I made you and will take care of you.” – Isaiah 46:3-4***

God created you to love you. If you will commit your life to Him, He will take care of you, not only now, but in eternity, for He created you for eternity. He will provide you a home in heaven.

We commit to the Lord and receive His love by accepting Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. Jesus' death on the cross is God's demonstration of His love for us and God's plan to save us.

To commit to the Lord you need to place your faith in Christ, repent of your sin, make your profession of faith and be baptized into Christ. If you are ready to make this decision, just walk down to the front and meet me while we sing our invitation hymn.

If you are already an immersed believer and want to join our church, you can do so by coming forward and making your profession of faith.