

Finger Play

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Psalm 139:1-13

When the psalmist, David, looked into the night sky, he saw the majesty and glory of God. As he pondered the moon and stars, his mind went to the Creator whose greatness exponentially exceeded the vast expanse on which he gazed. God is so great, David said, that the splendor of creation is just finger play (Psalm 8:3).

David uses another hand image to describe God's marvelous work as the Creator. David said that God "knit" his body together in his mother's womb (139:13). Job used the knitting metaphor, and also likened God creating a human being to a potter molding a vessel (Job 10:9, 11). God has crowned humans with "glory and honor" (Psalm 8:5) through creative acts that are simple for God.

For the person of faith, the transition of an embryo to an infant cannot be fully explained in scientific terms. The mystery of life requires the acknowledgement that God is at work. Something glorious occurs that can only makes sense when the person begins to praise God. "LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" (v. 9).

We can find refuge in God.

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