

# K.E.Y. Bible Study (2012-2013/Year V)

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**K.E.Y Bible Study** is a systematic study of Scripture that equips participants to become acquainted with the major truths of the Bible over a five-year period. Each lesson is self-contained, so, you can join the study at any time during the five years.

**Purpose:** To teach the most significant events, passages, and doctrines of the Bible in a manner and using methods that encourage and empower the student to:  
**K**eeP the Faith We Have Received  
**B**e **E**quipped to Serve the Body of Christ  
**B**ecome **Y**oked in Ministry with Other Believers

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“A Real Designer Label”

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I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

**Psalm 139:14**

Why is Psalm 139:14 a K.E.Y. verse in the Bible?

This verse is a part of a timeless psalm that asserts the absolute value of all human life and our need to praise our Creator. The consciousness of the intimate personal relation between God and man which is characteristic of the whole Psalter reaches its climax here.

Who?

As is the case with all Scripture, God is the central character. He is the maker of all things which naturally includes us. His divine design in the creation of man is praised by the psalmist. When we think of God in the abstract as an omniscient, omnipresent, all-powerful being, He can become so beyond our comprehension that we may be tempted to hide from Him or to resign ourselves to not being able to relate to Him or know Him. The psalmist rightly recognizes the intimacy that God has with us and that our correct response is to praise Him and yield our lives to Him.

When:?

The inscription with this psalm states that it was written by David. Those who follow that line of thinking believe that this was written while he was a shepherd. There are some who see this psalm to have been written during or following the Babylonian exile due to its use of terms that are later than David's time and its place after Psalm 137 which is an expression of tears in exile.

Where?

Depending upon the authorship. If David than it was written in the hillsides near Bethlehem; if later, than it was written in the land of the Chaldeans during the exile.

Perhaps the question of authorship and occasion for the writing of the psalm directs us to see just how timeless and universal these words are. It is a message that is very needed in our day.

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### Context:

This psalm expresses the value of human life and it tells us –

1. How thoroughly God knows us (1-6)
2. How close He is to us (7-12)
3. How involved He is with us (13-18)
4. The psalmists conclusion and decision (19-23)

### Word Study

- **"praise"** – literally means "to extend the hands" and is a word picture of the act of praise or to give thanks. Typically this is an acknowledgment of God's character and works.
- **"fearfully"** – an awesome act with reverence. With distinct individuality and care.
- **"wonderfully made"** – the verse is more literally "fearfully wonderful." It denotes an idea of individual craftsmanship of a piece of art rather than an assembly line fabrication of a product.
- **"works"** – accomplishments
- **"wonderful"** – surpassing, incomprehensible
- **"know"** – to know with the idea of experience rather than a mere mental concurrence.
- **"full well"** – with "muchness" fully, abundantly, wholly

Which of the *six areas of spiritual competencies* is emphasized in this K.E.Y. verse?

This verse tells us about God as Creator and about Humankind. He has intimate knowledge of us and the details of our days. We are valued

What am I to *know* as a result of having read and studied this K.E.Y. verse?

You are a person of worth, created in the image of God with the capacity for a relationship with Him. God is continually aware of you. He protects guides and oversees.

What am I to *be* or *become* as a result of having studied this K.E.Y. verse?

This fact should be a cause for gratitude rather than pride; comfort rather than consternation.

What am I to *do* in order to apply this K.E.Y. verse in my private and public life?

Consistently live in an attitude of praise and honor all life as uniquely created by God.

*He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8*

*Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.*

*Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.*

*Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary:*

*"If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."*

*Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:9-21*