

I am going to milk this for all it is worth, and those who know me well will not be surprised that I am writing about this. One of my favorite Christmas presents that I received this year was an 1,872 piece Back to the Future DeLorean Lego kit. I was a huge fan of the movie when it came out in the mid-80s and still am. My kids are too young to appreciate the iconic nature of that DeLorean time machine, but I am having fun showing them clips and introducing them to this piece of pop culture. The kit sits in my office as I work on it step by step as a therapeutic distraction throughout my day. The process of piecing it together has been fun. And though I can hardly wait to see the finished product, part of me will be sad when the process is done.

I mentioned this emotional conundrum on Facebook one day, to which a church member jokingly (at least I hope) said, *"I can come into your office and knock it off the shelf every 6 months or so, if you'd like to put it back together."* I laughed at that comment, with a few other people, but part of me got protective of my creation. I mean, I am joyfully piecing every little piece together and enjoying the process. But also, I am connected to this car (in a wired way, but hang with me here), because I am its creator. Among other object lesson subjects that came to mind, one was Psalm 139:13-18...

*13 For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.*

*14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.*

*15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.*

*16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.*

*17 How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!*

*18 If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.*

Yes, YOU are fearfully and wonderfully made by our Creator God, thus He is very protective of You. He values you. He loves you. He cares about what happens to you. He cares so much that He sent Jesus to die on the cross for the forgiveness of your sins and raised him from the grave to give you the hope of the

resurrection to eternal life. That is an awesome God and that is the God I proclaim to you. He will not let anyone (including Satan) “knock you off the shelf”, but when you do fall, He pieces His beloved creation back together. Once again, what an awesome God we have. To Him be all glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.