

“Everywhere Present!”

Psalm 139:7-13

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Introduction

- Our “shrinking” world
- Frustration with not being able to be there during crisis times, especially during COVID-19.
- Reminder of the God who knows all

Everywhere Present!

- **Psalm 139:7-13**-- *“Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. If I say, ‘Surely, the darkness shall fall on me,’ even the night shall be light about me. Indeed the darkness shall not hide from You, but the night shines as the day; the darkness and light are both alike to You. For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb.”*

A. God knows no limits concerning His presence

1. The meaning of “omnipresence”

2. Our inability to be “two places at once”

3. Difference between “omnipresence” and “pantheism”

- Pantheism—*“God is everything and everything is God!”*
- Theism—*“God is everywhere and yet distinct from what He has made!”*
- Acts 17:24-28a-- *“God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is He worshiped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in hopes that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and have our being.”*

B. David explores God’s Omnipresence -- Psalm 139

1. Can’t hide north, south, east, or west.

- Psalm 139:8-- *“If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell (or hades), behold, You are there.”*
- Psalm 139:9-- *“For if I take the wings of the morning (the sun rises in the east) and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.”*

2. Can’t hide in the dark

- Psalm 139:12-- *“Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, but the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You.”*
- Psalm 139:10-- *“Even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.”*

C. God’s Ever-Presence and You : Three Positive Effects

1. **Courage to Face Challenges.**

- Deuteronomy 31:7-8-- *“Be strong and of good courage, for you must go with this people to the land which the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall cause them to inherit it. And the LORD, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed.”*
- 2 Timothy 4:16-- *“At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me. May it not be charged against them.”*
- 2 Timothy 4:17-- *“But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and that all the Gentiles might hear. Also I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.”*

2. **Comfort to Endure Hardships**

- Genesis 16:11-- *"Behold, you are with child, and you shall bear a son. You shall call his Ishmael, because the LORD has heard your affliction."*
- Genesis 16:13-- *"Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, You-Are-The God-Who Sees, (El-Roi); for she said, 'Have I also here seen Him who sees me?'"*
- Psalm 34:18-- *"The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit."*
- Genesis 21:17-19-- *"And God heard the voice of the lad. The angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said to her, 'What ails you, Hagar? Fear not! God has heard the voice of the lad where he is. Arise, lift up the lad and hold him with your hand, for I will make him a great nation. Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. And she went and filled the skin with water, and gave the lad a drink."*
- Genesis 21:20-- *"So God was with the lad."*

3. **Contentment to Accept What We Have**

- Hebrews 13:5-6-- *"Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.' So we may boldly say: 'The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?'"*