

## Attributes of God (Omnipresence)

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### Psalm 139:1-4, 7-12

1 O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

3 You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

4 Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.

7 Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?

8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

9 If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

10 even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,"

12 even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

**Omni meaning "all" and presence meaning "present."**

**God is all-present, with His whole being at all times (indivisible). He is above both space and time, and qualities of objects. His nature has no need of either heaven or of earth, He fills them both with His presence and His power.**

Cf. Psalm 113:4-6; Proverbs 15:3; Isaiah 57:15; Jeremiah 23:23-24; Hebrews 4:13

- Omnipresence is **transcendent**, not pantheistic.  
God is completely independent of the physical universe—beyond the laws of nature. He is surpassing time and space. Even though He upholds all things, He will never need anyone to uphold Him. (Cf. Colossians 1:16-17) His presence is so great, He cannot be "contained" in our holy places, for His glory is above the heavens. (Cf. Psalm 113:4-6)
- Omnipresence is **immanent**, not deist.  
God is fully present within His creation, in time and space. He can be both far and near. God could stay separate from us because of our sin and His holiness but chooses to draw near to us through Christ who is our Mediator. (Cf. Isaiah 64:6-7; Exodus 33:20; Ephesians 2:18; 1 Timothy 2:5) God chooses to be close with His adopted children. In Jesus, "we live and move and have our being" and the Lord is "not far" from us. (Cf. Acts 17:25; Acts 17:27-28) We receive guidance and provision through the indwelling Holy Spirit, but also in the presence of Jesus Christ and the Father.

**He's more present than you think.**

### **Discipleship Homework:**

*David describes God's omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence in Psalm 139.*

How would you describe these attributes and how they impact your day-to-day life?

*\*If you are struggling to answer the above question, spend in time prayer this week and ask God to reveal Himself to you. Also, be sure to come back next Sunday as we complete our Attributes of God and tie it all together.*