

## Attributes of God (Omnipresence—Part 2)

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

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.
- Omnipresence is **immanent**, not deist.

### Ephesians 3:14-19

14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, 16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

There is a distinction between the **omnipresence of God** and the **manifest presence of God** we experience. Manifest (Greek, *phaneroo*) is to make apparent.

### Ways to experience and enjoy the presence of God:

- **Faith**

**Hebrews 11:1-3, 6**

1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 For by it the people of old received their commendation. 3 By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Cf. Luke 18:8; 2 Corinthians 5:7

- **Awareness**

**Proverbs 3:6** In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

Cf. Genesis 28:16

Create a space for you to reflect on what He means to you.

**Psalm 27:4** *One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple. Cf. Psalm 84*

- **Love and Follow**

**John 14:21** *Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”*

Cf. Matthew 22:36-38

**He’s more present than you think.**

**Discipleship Homework:**

Pray what Paul shares in **Ephesians 3:14-19** every day this week.

Practice God’s presence in your life this week.

- When is the last time you picked up your Bible to read?

Spend time reading or listening to the God’s Word and be sure to ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate His truth in you. Example: Don’t make it a chore, read until you lose concentration. It’s ok to stop and go as needed.

- What time each day could you give to the Lord to think on who He is and what He’s done?

Don’t stress about making it a long time, you can find a way to incorporate it your regular schedule. Example: Riding to work/school, before you go to bed, while you fold laundry, etc.

- Do you love God? Do you know how He feels about you?

Reflect on 1 John 4:7-21 to better understand why or why not we love Him.