

The Attributes of God ~ His Omnipresence

Intro: God is Present Everywhere at once.

Psalm 139:

- 7 Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
- 8 If I go up to the heavens,
you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths,
you are there.
- 9 If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
- 10 even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.

Jeremiah 23:24

Can anyone hide in secret places
so that I cannot see him?" declares the LORD.
"Do not I fill heaven and earth?" declares the LORD.

Observation:

- Carefully **read** and **reread** the text.
- Note** all persons, nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions & articles.
- Ask:** Who? What? When? Where? How? & Why?
Find answers in the text, *only!*
- Note** and **mark** key words and ideas, as well as their *relationships* with one another.

Note and mark

- Where *God* is. Psalm 139:8-9
- Where *God* fills. Jeremiah 23:24

Interpretation:

Psalm 139 What is the answer to the Psalmist's questions in verse 7?

What is the Psalmist's point in verse 8? _____

Where is the 'dawn' and 'far side of the sea' for the Psalmist? _____

What is his conclusion in verse 10? _____

Jeremiah 23:24 What is the answer to God's first question? _____

What is the answer to God's second question? _____

What point is God making about Himself in this verse? _____

Note:

David masterfully uses the allegorical language of poetry to convey spiritual truths. He introduces the subject of God's presence with two rhetorical questions, both answerable by the same response 'no where'.

He then conveys the truth of God's omnipresence by referring to the ultimate height (the heavens) and depth in verse 8, and the farthest easterly (dawn) and westerly points (the other side of the Mediterranean Sea) from his perspective.

In essence, God is present everywhere to guide and keep him.

Note:

The context of this verse is God's rebuke of false prophets who have misled Israel. He ominously assures them that they will not be able to hide from Him for He fills 'heaven and earth'!

This verse conveys the terrifying aspect to God's Omnipresence.

Application Principles: In light of what you have learned, what **Truths** or **Principles** are taught in these texts about God's Omnipresence?

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Write out a verse from above that you would like to memorize and/or meditate upon:

Application Practicals: In light of these Truths & Principles, what will you **do** to apply them to your life **today**?

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From what you learned, how is God different from His creation and/or creatures?

Final Note:

The Omnipresence of God is both reassuring and terrifying. For the faithful, it is a comforting truth in times of peril and need. But for the disobedient, God's Presence is a terrifying thought, for there is no where to run and no where to hide from God's omnipresent gaze.

*God is Omnipresent
He is present everywhere at once!*