

Adoring the /God of Glory

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God's Omnipresence

Omnipresence – God is equally present everywhere at all times. We are always in the presence of God. He does not have spacial dimensions. 139: 7-10, 13-16 and 1 Kings 8:27 and Jeremiah 23:23-24

*7 Where can I go from Your Spirit?
Or where can I flee from Your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, You are there;
If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there. If I take up the wings of the dawn,
If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,
Even there Your hand will lead me,
And Your right hand will take hold of me.*

*13 For You created my innermost parts;
You wove me in my mother's womb.
I will give thanks to You, because I am awesomely and wonderfully made;
Wonderful are Your works,
And my soul knows it very well.
My frame was not hidden from You
When I was made in secret,
And skillfully formed in the depths of the earth;*

1 Kings 8:27

"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain You, how much less this house which I have built!"

Jeremiah 23:23-24

*"Am I a God who is near," declares the LORD,
"And not a God far off? Can a person hide himself in hiding places
So that I do not see him?" declares the LORD.
"Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?" declares the LORD.*

Physical manifestations of God

Matthew 3:16-17

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Genesis 18 (vs. 1-2, 22-23, 33)

The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

²² Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham was still standing before the LORD. ²³ Abraham approached and said, "Will You indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?"

³³ As soon as He had finished speaking to Abraham the LORD departed, and Abraham returned to his place.

Exodus 13:21-22

And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people.

2 Kings 19:35

That night the angel of the LORD went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand in the Assyrian camp. When the people got up the next morning—there were all the dead bodies! So Sennacherib king of Assyria broke camp and withdrew. He returned to Nineveh and stayed there.

God appearing or removing His presence

Genesis 11:5-7

*Now the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the men had built. And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they have started to do, and now nothing which they plan to do will be impossible for them. **Come, let Us go down** and there confuse their language, so that they will not understand one another's speech."*

Exodus 19: 9

*Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, **I will come to you** in a thick cloud, so that the people may hear when I speak with you and may also trust in you forever." Then Moses told the words of the people to the LORD.*

2 Kings 23:24-27

Nevertheless, the LORD did not turn away from the heat of his fierce anger, which burned against Judah because of all that Manasseh had done to arouse his anger. So the LORD said, "**I will remove Judah also from my presence as I removed Israel, and I will reject Jerusalem**, the city I chose, and this temple, about which I said, 'My Name shall be there.

God's Presence in Eternal Destinies

Lordship in Hell

In the New Testament there are two different words (Enopios and Prosopon) that are translated for the term "presence – Enopios has the idea of "in the presence or sight. It carries with it the sense of proximity or distance. Prosopon usually refers to a person's face or countenance.

2 Thessalonians 1:6-10 -For after all it is *only* just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and *to give* relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, **away from the presence** of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes to be glorified in His saints...

Revelation 14:9-11 - Then another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone **in the presence** of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

Heaven – Present with Christ

2 Corinthians 5:6-8 - Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are **absent** from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight— but we are of good courage and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.

Philippians 1:21-23 - For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if *I am* to live *on* in the flesh, this *will mean* fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose. But I am hard-pressed from both *directions*, having the desire to **depart** and be with Christ, for *that* is very much better...

1 John 3:2-3 - Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He **appears**, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this hope *set* on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Omnipresence of Jesus.

John 15:5 - I am the vine, you are the branches; the one who remains in Me, and I in him bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

John 14:23 - Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will follow My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make *Our* dwelling with him.

John 1:1 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Colossians 1:15-17, He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation: for by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones, or dominions, or rulers, or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

Matthew 28:19-20 - Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to follow all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 18:16-20 –misunderstood/judicial

But if he does not listen *to you*, take one or two more with you, so that ON THE TESTIMONY OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY MATTER MAY BE CONFIRMED. And if he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, he is to be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector... "Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. **For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.**"

Reacting and reflecting on the Glory of God

1. How do we affirm or deny God's omnipresence in our lives?
2. How might we live if God were not all knowing and omnipresent?
3. How does it comfort you to know God is always present (past, present, future)?
4. Do you need to repent of "secret sin"?
5. How does God's omnipresence affect the way that we pray?
6. How does our spiritual condition affect our awareness of God's presence?

Application: Comfort – 2 Corinthians 1:3-5, Holy fear – Hebrews 12:28-29, Love – Romans 8:38-39, Motivation – Matthew 24:45-51, Longing -1 John 3:2-3