Psalm 139: The Theology of Life, Part II

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In Psalm 139:7-12, King David meditates on the second of four massive truths about the God of Creation. You serve a God who Is Omniscient (All-Knowing).

Pre-sermon Comments

> Proverbs 15:3 (LSB) [3] The eyes of Yahweh are in every place, Watching the evil and the good.

Discussion Questions

The sermon series is called *The Theology of Life*. Why do you think it's important for the church to address cultural issues like the sanctity of life through the lens of God's character and perfections?

Last week, the focus was on God's omniscience (His perfect knowledge). How does knowing that God is perfectly all-knowing affect how you live and make decisions?

Today's focus is on God's omnipresence (His presence everywhere at all times). How does this truth about God challenge or comfort you in your daily walk with Him?

Pastor Brandon stated, "Right theology leads to right living." How has your understanding of God's character impacted the way you view your own life or the culture around you?

In light of the message, how can we apply the truth of God's omnipresence to the current state of our culture? How should it affect our response to issues like life and death?

Sermon Introduction

> Romans 12:1 (LSB) [1] Therefore I exhort you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a sacrifice—living, holy, *and* pleasing to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship.
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> 1 Corinthians 6:20 (LSB) [20] For you were bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.
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> Colossians 3:17 (LSB) [17] And whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Application Questions

The sermon contrasts two extremes: laziness and the constant pursuit of excellence. Do you see these extremes in our culture today? How do they affect our spiritual lives?

What are some potential dangers of pushing children into specialization at a young age? How might this impact their relationship with God or their sense of balance in life?

Romans 12:1-2 talks about presenting our bodies as a living sacrifice. What does it look like to pursue excellence in our activities (sports, academics, etc.) while still offering our lives fully to God?

Reflect on your own life. Are there any pursuits—whether career, hobbies, or other activities—that have distracted you from a deeper devotion to the Lord? How can you realign your priorities to glorify God in all things?

1 Corinthians 6:20 reminds us that we are bought with a price and should glorify God in our bodies. How can this truth shape the way we approach our daily activities, no matter what we are pursuing?

Colossians 3:17 speaks about doing everything in the name of the Lord. How does knowledge and understanding help us glorify the Lord in both the mundane and the extraordinary aspects of life?

Series Proposition and Outline

In Psalm 139, King David meditates on four massive truths about the God of Creation and His perfections:

According to David, you serve a God:

- Who Is Omniscient (All-Knowing) – Ps 139:1-6 [Review]
- **Who Is Omnipresent (All-Present) – Ps 139: 7-12 [Today's Sermon]**
- Who Is Omnipotent (All-Powerful) – Ps 139:13-18 [Future]
- Who Is Worthy of our Obeisance (All-Holy) – Ps 139:19-24 [Future]

Review

You serve a God who Is Omniscient (All-Knowing) – Ps 139:1-6

> Ephesians 1:4–6 (LSB) 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him in love, 5 by predestining us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He graciously bestowed on us in the Beloved.
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> Luke 12:6–7 (LSB) 6 "Are not five sparrows sold for two assaria? *Yet* not one of them is forgotten before God. 7 "Indeed, the *very* hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows.
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> John 1:43–51 (LSB) 43 On the next day, He desired to go into Galilee, and He found Philip. And Jesus said to him, "Follow Me." 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.
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> 45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and *also* the Prophets wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." 46 And Nathanael said to him, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." 47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said about him, "Behold, truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" 48 Nathanael said to Him, "From where do You know me?" Jesus answered and

said to him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”

[49] Nathanael answered Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel.” [50] Jesus answered and said to him, “Because I said to you that I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You will see greater things than these.”

John 2:24–25 (LSB) [24] But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, for He knew all men, [25] and because He had no need that anyone bear witness concerning man, for He Himself knew what was in man.

Sermon Text

Psalm 139:7–12 (LSB) [7] Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? [8] If I ascend to heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there. [9] If I lift up the wings of the dawn, If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, [10] Even there Your hand will lead me, And Your right hand will lay hold of me. [11] If I say, “Surely the darkness will bruise me, And the light around me will be night,” [12] Even the darkness is not too dark for You, And the night is as bright as the day. Darkness and light are alike *to You*.

Sermon Outline

Sermon 2 Outline

In Psalm 139:7-12, King David meditates on the second of four massive truths about the God of Creation and His perfections. According to David:

1. You serve a God Who Is Omnipresent (All-Present) – Ps 139: 7-12
    a. He pursues you to the heights and depths – Ps 139:7-8
    b. He is present in your pilgrimage – Ps 139:9-10
    c. He perceives you through your perceived darkness – Ps 139:11-12 -

You serve a God Who Is Omnipresent (All-Present) – Ps 139: 7-12

He pursues you to the heights and depths – Ps 139:7-8

> Psalm 139:7–8 (LSB) [7] Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? [8] If I ascend to heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there.

God's Omniscience is related to His omnipresence

> God's intimate omniscience and omnipresence are inseparable.~ **Bruce K. Waltke**

The Definition of God's Omnipresence

> Omnipresence means that God is everywhere present with His whole being at all times.~ **Charles C. Ryrie**
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> God's omnipresence may be defined as follows: *God does not have size or spatial dimensions and is present at every point of space with his whole being, yet God acts differently in different places.*~ **Wayne Grudem**

His creation presupposes His omnipresence

> Genesis 1:1 (LSB) [1] In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
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> Deuteronomy 10:14 (LSB) [14] "Behold, to Yahweh your God belong heaven and the highest heavens, the earth and all that is in it.
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> Jeremiah 23:23–24 (LSB) [23] "Am I a God who is near," declares Yahweh, "And not a God far off? [24] "Can a man hide himself in hiding places So I do not see him?" declares Yahweh. "Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?" declares Yahweh.

God does not have spatial dimensions

God is perfectly present with himself, transcending all limitations of space, and yet present with every point of space with all that he is. Transcendence means that God is greater than and independent of the creation. Immensity refers to the fact that God transcends and fills all space. And omnipresence indicates that

God is present with every point of space in His entire being. ~ John MacArthur and Richard Mayhue

> 1 Kings 8:27 (LSB) [27] "But will God truly dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain You; how much less this house which I have built!

God relates to space in a far different way than we do or than any created thing does. He exists as kind of being that is far different and far greater than we can imagine. ~ Wayne Grudem

God acts differently in different places

> 2 Thessalonians 1:9 (LSB) [9] These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, AWAY FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD AND FROM THE GLORY OF HIS MIGHT,
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> Psalm 16:11 (LSB) [11] You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.
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> Psalm 139:7–8 (LSB) [7] Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? [8] If I ascend to heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there.

Paul's example

> 2 Corinthians 12:1–4 (LSB) [1] It is necessary to boast, though it is not profitable, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. [2] I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a man was caught up to the third heaven. [3] And I know how such a man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, God knows— [4] was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak.

Jonah's example

> Jonah 1:4 (LSB) [4] But Yahweh hurled a great wind on the sea, and there was a great storm on the sea so that the ship gave thought to breaking apart.
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> Jonah 1:8–9 (LSB) [8] Then they said to him, "Tell us, now! On whose account *has* this *calamitous* evil *struck* us? What is your occupation? And where do you

> come from? What is your country? From what people are you?” [9] And he said to them, “I am a Hebrew, and I fear Yahweh, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.”
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> Jonah 1:12 (LSB) [12] So he said to them, “Lift me up and hurl me into the sea. Then the sea will become quiet for you, for I know that on account of me this great storm *has come* upon you.”
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> Jonah 1:15 (LSB) [15] So they lifted Jonah up and hurled him into the sea, and the sea stood still from its raging.
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> Jonah 1:17 (LSB) [17] And Yahweh appointed a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the stomach of the fish three days and three nights.
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> Jonah 2:5 (LSB) [5] “Water encompassed me to *my very* soul. The great deep surrounded me, Weeds were wrapped around my head.
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> Jonah 2:7 (LSB) [7] “While my soul was fainting within me, I remembered Yahweh, And my prayer came to You, To Your holy temple.
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> Jonah 2:2 (LSB) [2] and he said, “I called out of my distress to Yahweh, And He answered me. I cried for help from the belly of Sheol; You heard my voice.

Application Questions

How would you define God’s omnipresence in your own words? Why is it important to recognize that God is present at all times and in all places?

In Psalm 139:7-8, David rhetorically asks, “Where can I go to get away from You?” Why do you think David asks this question, and what does it reveal about his understanding of God’s nature?

How does the truth of God’s omnipresence impact your daily life? Can you think of a situation where remembering God’s presence helped or comforted you?

Pastor Brandon mentioned that God’s omniscience (perfect knowledge) is tied to His omnipresence (perfect presence). How does knowing that God is both all-knowing and ever-present influence your relationship with Him?

Jonah tried to flee from God's presence but ultimately realized that God was with him, even in the depths. How does Jonah's story illustrate the futility of trying to escape from God's presence? How can we apply that to our own attempts to "run" from God?

Pastor Brandon emphasized that God acts differently in different places, sometimes pouring out blessings and other times punishing the ungodly. How does this distinction help you understand God's presence in the world today, especially in light of places of suffering or sin?

How can we live in greater awareness of God's omnipresence in both our private and public lives? What steps can you take this week to consciously remember that God is with you wherever you go?

He is present in your pilgrimage – Ps 139:9-10

> Psalm 139:9–10 (LSB) [9] If I lift up the wings of the dawn, If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,
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> Psalm 139:10 (LSB) [10] Even there Your hand will lead me, And Your right hand will lay hold of me.
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> Hebrews 9:27 (LSB) [27] And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this *comes* judgment,
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> 2 Timothy 4:16–18 (LSB) [16] At my first defense no one supported me, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them. [17] But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that through me the preaching might be fulfilled, and that all the Gentiles might hear. And I was rescued out of the lion's mouth. [18] The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed, and will save me unto His heavenly kingdom; to Him *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Application Questions

What does the phrase "If I lift up the wings of the dawn" in Psalm 139:9 signify, and how does it reflect David's understanding of God's omnipresence?

ow does this poetic language help you grasp the extent of God's presence in your own life?

David expresses that even in the remotest parts of the sea, God's hand will guide him. What does this reveal about God's guidance and protection in our most distant or difficult circumstances?

Can you share a personal experience where you felt God's presence guiding you through a challenging time?

The sermon mentions how some people try to ignore or flee from God when they sin, though it's impossible to escape His presence. Why do you think people attempt to run from God even though they know He is everywhere?

How does this truth challenge the way you respond to sin in your own life?

Pastor Brandon shared the tragic story of a pastor who tried to escape judgment through death. How does this story impact your understanding of God's justice and the reality of accountability beyond this life?

How does Hebrews 9:27 ("… after this comes judgment") shape your perspective on life and death?

In light of Paul's confidence in God's presence and deliverance in 2 Timothy 4:16-18, how can we draw strength from the assurance that God is with us even in our darkest moments?

What practical steps can you take to remind yourself of God's nearness during difficult times?

Pastor Brandon spoke about how God's omnipresence is both comforting and challenging. In what ways do you find comfort in knowing that God is always present, and how might this also encourage accountability in your life?

How can this truth shape the way you live daily, especially in moments of temptation or despair?

He perceives you through your perceived darkness – Ps 139:11-12

> Psalm 139:11 (LSB) [11] If I say, "Surely the darkness will bruise me, And the light around me will be night,"

> Psalm 139:12 (LSB) [12] Even the darkness is not too dark for You, And the night is as bright as the day. Darkness and light are alike *to You*.

Conclusion

> 2 Timothy 4:17 (LSB) [17] But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that through me the preaching might be fulfilled, and that all the Gentiles might hear. And I was rescued out of the lion's mouth.
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> 1 John 1:5–9 (LSB) [5] And this is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. [6] If we say that we have fellowship with Him and *yet* walk in the darkness, we lie and do not do the truth; [7] but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. [8] If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. [9] If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Application Questions

Pastor Brandon mentioned childhood fears of the dark. What were some fears you had as a child, and how did they change as you grew older?

Can you think of a time when you experienced a "dark" season in your life?

How did you respond to it emotionally and spiritually?

Psalm 139:12 says, "Even the darkness is not too dark for You, and the night is as bright as the day." How does this passage change the way you think about God's presence in difficult times?

Why is it comforting to know that darkness and light are the same to God?

How can this truth encourage someone walking through a difficult trial?

The speaker emphasizes walking alongside people who are going through dark times, especially women facing unplanned pregnancies. How can we, as a church, better support those around us who are in difficult circumstances?

What practical steps can we take to be more active in helping others see the light of Christ in their dark situations, such as supporting adoption or foster care?

How does David's confidence in God's presence during darkness (Psalm 139:11-12) reflect your understanding of God's role in your life during trials?

Pastor Brandon connects darkness with physical, emotional, and even societal challenges. How can we as believers hold on to the truth that "God is with us in the dark" even when circumstances seem overwhelming?

The Gospel

God

Created and owns everything

Gen 1:1—In the beginning God created the Heavens and the Earth

Psalm 24:1—The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains, the world and those who dwell in it.

Is Perfectly Holy

1 John 1:5—This is the message we heard from Him and announce to you that God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all.

Matt 5:48—Therefore you are to be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Requires perfect obedience to His Law

James 2:10—for whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.

Man

Has broken God's law

Rom 3:10,23—there is none righteous, not even one…for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

Will pay the eternal penalty for his sin

Rom. 6:23—For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord

Cannot save himself by his good works

Titus 3:5—He saved us not based on works which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit.

Christ

Came to earth both as God and sinless man

Col 2:9—For in Him the fullness of deity dwells in bodily form

Demonstrated God's love by dying on the cross to pay sin's penalty

Rom 5:8—But God demonstrated His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us

2 Cor 5:21—He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Rose from the grave and is alive today

1 Cor 15:4—And that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures

Sinners

Must repent of all that dishonors God

Isa 55:7—Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the Lord, and He will have compassion on him and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Luke 9:23—if anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take us his cross daily and follow Me.

Must believe in Christ as Lord and Savior

Rom 10:9—that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved.

Will you repent and believe in Christ?

Acts 17:30—therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance God is declaring to men that all everywhere should repent.

Don't hesitate to contact Pastor Brandon or Pastor Keith if you have any questions about this sermon or if you would like to know how to follow Christ.

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Upcoming Sermons in this series

Sermon 1 Outline

In Psalm 139:1-6, King David meditates on the first of four massive truths about the God of Creation. According to David:

1. **You serve a God who Is Omniscient (All-Knowing) – Ps 139:1-6**
    a. **He knows your paths – Ps 139:1-2**
    b. **He knows your practices – Ps 139:3-4**
    c. **He knows your personality – Ps 139:5-6**

Sermon 3 Outline

In Psalm 139:13-18, King David meditates on the third of four massive truths about the God of Creation. According to David:

You serve a God who Is Omnipotent (All-Powerful) – Ps 139:13-18

a. You were fashioned with care (Ps 139:13)
b. You were formed with intricacy (Ps 139:14-16)
c. You were fitted for intimacy (Ps 139:17-18)

Sermon 4 Outline

In Psalm 139:7-12, King David meditates on the fourth and final massive truth about the God of Creation. According to David:

You serve a God who Is Worthy of our Obeisance (All-Holy) – Ps 139:19-24

a. He is sovereign over sinners – Ps 139:19-20
b. He expects us to stand against wickedness – Ps 139:21-22
c. He expects us to submit to His scrutiny – Ps 139:23-24

Additional Quotes for this series

God's Omniscience

> The omniscience of God is a wonder. The omnipotence of God is a wonder. God's spotless holiness is a wonder. None of these things can we understand. But the greatest wonder of all is *the mercy of God*. ~ **Andrew Murray**
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> In an ultimate and absolute sense you and I simply cannot reconcile God's omniscience and foreknowledge and sovereignty with this fact of prayer that we find so clearly taught in Scripture. ~ **David Martyn Lloyd-Jones (Welsh Preacher and Writer)**
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> God's omniscience, which in the previous section has been attributed to his omnipresence, is now attributed to his omnipotence. God can search man out not only because he sees him, but because he made him. ~ **James Montgomery Boice**
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> The omniscience of God combines with his veracity to guarantee the truth of everything he tells us. ~ **Millard J. Erickson**
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> In fact, an implication of God's omniscience is that the future is determined. God knows the future exhaustively because he has decreed the future exhaustively. ~ **Michael Horton**

For an unsaved person this powerful, pervasive knowledge seems intrusive and frightening, and with good reason. God is the end-time judge with whom we must reckon. Strikingly, the response of the psalmist is not fear. He is not trembling when he thinks of God's omniscience. On the contrary, he shelters himself in God's knowledge and marvels at it. For the psalmist, God's knowledge is not a threat; it is a refuge. ~ **James Montgomery Boice**

God's omnipotence (his power to do anything he chooses to do) is intimately connected with some of God's other characteristics, some of God's other "omni" characteristics: omnipotence, all power; omniscience, all knowledge; omnipresence, presence everywhere. ~ **D. A. Carson**

God's omniscience is a truth fraught with much comfort. ~ **Arthur Walkington Pink**

Objections to the biblical doctrine of God's exhaustive omniscience are at root philosophical and not exegetical. Moreover, they are *vain* philosophy, refusing to learn the lesson which God intended—*i.e.* that men should fear before Him. ~ **Douglas Wilson**

Is it not clear that God foreknows what will be because he has decreed what shall be? God's foreknowledge is not the cause of events, rather are events the effects of his eternal purpose. ~ **Arthur Walkington Pink**

God's omniscience is a necessary condition for complete sovereignty, for if God does not know for sure everything that will happen in advance, then He cannot be sure how free creatures will use their free will. ~ **Norman Geisler**

God's omniscience is his perfect knowing of himself, all actual things outside himself, and all things that do not become reality in one eternal and simple (not having any parts but having distinctions) act (exertion of energy) ~ **John F. MacArthur; Richard Mayhue**

Suppose for a moment that Jehovah could not see the works and know the thoughts of man. Would you then become more careless concerning him than you are now? I think not. In nine cases out of ten, and perhaps in a far larger

and sadder proportion, the doctrine of divine omniscience, although it is believed, has no practical effect on our lives at all. The mass of mankind forget God. ~ **Charles Spurgeon**

Perhaps this is the most astounding fact about God's omniscience: He knows *every* detail about us, yet He still loves us. ~ **John F. MacArthur**

Omniscience cannot be separated from omnipotence. ~ **Matthew Henry (Nonconformist Biblical Exegete)**

His omniscience provides the knowledge for His wise choices; His omnibenevolence assures that they will be good choices; and His omnipotence enables Him to achieve His ends by the means He chooses. ~ **Norman Geisler**

This speaks of the omniscience of God. He knows you. ~ **J. Vernon McGee**

We must remember that we are not only to live in the fear of the Lord, but we are to live in the comfort and the knowledge of God. He not only sees what is happening to you when you are taken ill, He not only knows when you are suffering bereavement and sorrow, He knows every pang of the heart, He knows every heartache; He knows everything; there is nothing outside His omniscience. He knows all about us in every respect and He therefore knows our every need. From that our Lord draws this deduction. You need never be anxious, you must never be worried. God is with you in this state, you are not alone, and He is your Father. Even an earthly father does this in a measure. He is with his child, protecting, doing everything he can for him. Multiply that by infinity, and that is what God is doing with respect to you, whatever your circumstance. ~ **David Martyn Lloyd-Jones (Welsh Preacher and Writer)**

A great Christian of nearly 300 years ago, Nicholas Herman of Lorraine said that in his early Christian life he determined to cut through the tangle of religious means and "nourish his heart on high thoughts of God." I have always treasured that expression.

A cultivation of God through prayer, humble soul-searching and avid feasting upon the Scriptures would go far to awaken the church. ~ **A. W. Tozer**

In our desire after God let us keep always in mind that God also has desire, and His desire is toward the sons of men, and more particularly toward those sons of men who will make the once-for-all decision to exalt Him over all. Such as these are precious to God above all treasures of earth or sea. In them God finds a theater where He can display His exceeding kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. With them God can walk unhindered; toward them He can act like the God He is. ~ **A. W. Tozer**

Christians, and especially very active ones, should take time out frequently to search their souls to be sure of their motives. Many a solo is sung to show off; many a sermon is preached as an exhibition of talent; many a church is founded as a slap at some other church. Even missionary activity may become competitive, and soul winning may degenerate into a sort of brush-salesman project to satisfy the flesh. Do not forget, the Pharisees were great missionaries and would compass sea and land to make a convert. ~ **A. W. Tozer**

God's Omnipresence

Well, then, wherever you are, you are near to God; he is a God at hand, and a God afar off. ~ **Thomas Manton**

His *omnipresence*. This means that God is present everywhere. ~ **David Martyn Lloyd-Jones (Welsh Preacher and Writer)**

"Immensity" points to the fact that God transcends all space and is not subject to its limitations, while "omnipresence" denotes that He nevertheless fills every part of space with His entire Being. The former emphasizes the transcendence, and the latter, the immanence of God. ~ **Louis Berkhof (American Calvinist Theologian)**

The evidence of incredible antiquity in the universe would then serve as a vivid reminder of the even more amazing nature of God's eternity, just as the incredible size of the universe causes us to wonder at God's even greater omnipresence and omnipotence. ~ **Wayne Grudem**

The infinitude of God, so far as space is concerned, includes his immensity and his omnipresence. These are not different attributes, but one and the same

attribute, viewed under different aspects. His immensity is the infinitude of his being, viewed as belonging to his nature from eternity. He fills immensity with his presence. His omnipresence is the infinitude of his being, viewed in relation to his creatures. He is equally present with all his creatures, at all times, and in all places. He is not far from any one of us. “The Lord is in this place,” may be said with equal truth and confidence, everywhere. ~ **Charles Hodge (American Presbyterian Theologian)**

“As eternity is the perfection whereby he hath neither beginning nor end, immutability is the perfection whereby he hath neither increase nor diminution, so immensity or omnipresence is that whereby he hath neither bounds nor limitation.”~ **Joel Beeke; Mark Jones**

Holy Father, Thy wisdom excites our admiration, Thy power fills us with fear, Thy omnipresence turns every spot of earth into holy ground; but how shall we thank Thee enough for Thy mercy which comes down to the lowest part of our need to give us beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and for the spirit of heaviness a garment of praise? We bless and magnify Thy mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. ~ **A. W. Tozer**

God is perfectly present with himself, transcending all limitation of space, and yet present with every point of space with all that he is. Transcendance means that God is greater than and independent of the creation. Immensity refers to the fact that God transcends and fills all space. And omnipresence indicates that God is present with every point of space in his entire being. ~ **John F. MacArthur; Richard Mayhue**

Not only near by his omnipresence, but to sympathize and favour. He does not leave praying men, and men who confess his name, to battle with the world alone, but he is ever at their side.~ Charles Spurgeon

Literally, omnipresence means that God is everywhere present at once (omni=everywhere + present). Negatively stated, there is nowhere that God is absent. ~ **Norman Geisler**

Omnipresence, on the other hand, signifies that God is present in the totality of his being at each point in space. ~ **John S. Feinberg**

Whether or not one differentiates omnipresence from immensity is not critical, so long as one recognizes that this attribute involves two ideas, namely, God transcends spatial limitations and so is present at all places at once in his total being.~ **John S. Feinberg**

As eternity is the perfection whereby he hath neither beginning nor end, immutability is the perfection whereby he hath neither increase nor diminution, so immensity or omnipresence is that whereby he hath neither bounds nor limitation. ~ **Stephen Charnock (English Puritan Theologian)**

The infinitude of God relatively to space, is his immensity or omnipresence; relatively to duration, it is his eternity. As He is free from all the limitations of space, so He is exalted above all the limitations of time. As He is not more in one place than in another, but is everywhere equally present, so He does not exist during one period of duration more than another. With Him there is no distinction between the present, past, and future; but all things are equally and always present to Him. With Him duration is an eternal now.~ **Charles Hodge (American Presbyterian Theologian)**

This is a theological psalm in that it reveals something of the attributes of God in relation to His creation. It reveals His omniscience, His omnipresence, and His omnipotence. ~ **J. Vernon McGee**

From this greatness and immensity of God also your soul must reverently stay all its busy, bold inquiries, and know that God is to us, and to every creature, incomprehensible. If you could fathom or measure him, and know his greatness by a comprehensive knowledge, he were not God. A creature can comprehend nothing but a creature. You may know God, but not comprehend him; as your foot treads on the earth, but does not cover all the earth. The sea is not the sea, if you can hold it in a spoon. ~ **Richard Baxter (Puritan Divine)**

The Bible teaches plainly enough the doctrine of the divine omnipresence, but for the masses of professed Christians this is the era of the Absentee God. Most Christians speak of God in the manner usually reserved for a departed loved one, rarely as of one present; but they do not often speak to Him.…

> At the far end of the spectrum are the conventional churches. I think it is the deep-seated notion that God is absent that makes so many of our church services so insufferably dull. When true believers gather around a present Christ it is all but impossible to have a poor meeting. The drabbest sermon may be endured cheerfully when the sweet fragrance of Christ's presence fills the room. But nothing can save a meeting held in the name of an Absentee God. ~ **A. W. Tozer**
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> A theology that is all of the head is cold, dry, barren, and of little practical value. A theology that is all heart may be warm, comforting, and practical, but it will lack substance, and because it does it will be subject to every theological fad that comes along and will not hold up in hard times. Psalm 139 has both head and heart. It is strongly theological, dealing with such important doctrines as God's omniscience (it is probably the weightiest part of the Bible for discussing God's omniscience), omnipresence, and omnipotence; but it is also wonderfully personal, because it speaks of these attributes of God in ways that impact the psalmist and ourselves.~ **James Montgomery Boice**