

## Daily Devotional #4: God's Omniscience and Omnipresence

These two attributes are much different from each other but I wanted to discuss them together because some of the application taken from them is similar. Let's define them first.

**Omniscience** → describes that God knows everything there is to know fully.

**Omnipresence** → describes that God is not bound by space and time and is therefore everywhere demonstrating Himself in some capacity.

God's omniscience is clearly shown in Scripture. Read Job. 37:16 and 1 John 3:20. There is nothing truly "secret" in God's eyes because He knows all. He knows every thought of every person throughout all of history. He knows every motive and every deed. He knows every word you have ever said or will say. He not only knows everything, but needs no time to think. All of His knowledge is readily available and at the forefront of His mind. He doesn't have to remember things, because He knows everything fully and completely.

God's omnipresence can also be seen in Scripture. Read Jer. 23:23-24 and Ps. 139:7-10. There is nowhere that one can go to escape the presence of the Lord. Some may ask, is the Lord present in Hell? If so, how so? I would say He is present in Hell in His judgment. His presence is seen and felt as His judgment is poured out upon sinners. In Heaven, His presence is felt and seen in the form of great blessing and perfect bliss. The point is that no one can flee from God. You can go into the deepest, darkest cave on this earth and you would still be in the presence of God. This is why it was silly for Adam and Eve to hide from God in the Garden of Eden when they had sinned. God knows all and is everywhere and therefore it is not possible to hide.

What does this mean for us?

How many of you like it when someone goes through your phone to read all of your text messages? Or how many of you would like it if someone saw your search history on the internet? Or would you like it if the last year of your life was turned into a movie and displayed for the world to see your every thought and deed? Many would not like any of those things, because we would be embarrassed. There are things we hide because they are shameful. We don't want our friends or our parents to find things out, so we hide and try to delete them. Well, here is where the reality of these attributes set in. **\*\*\*YOU CANNOT HIDE OR RUN FROM GOD!\*\*\***

Every thought, every deed, every text, every conversation, and every motive is known by the Lord. It is laid before Him in the open and He knows it. He not only knows it, but He was present and watched you when no one else was around. You can "delete" something so that no one can see it, but you cannot erase anything from the mind of God. I really wanted to highlight this because it should give us a healthy fear of God.

There is no such thing as a "secret" sin that doesn't harm anybody. All sin in any form is against God and is a declaration to Him about how you would rather please yourself than Him. Sin is serious and not to be messed with and should be repented of. Turn from your sin, not simply because you have been caught, but because you want to please God.

The same God who knows every wicked thought or deed of yours is the same God who is willing and able to forgive you even right now. He extends an offer of kindness and forgiveness to you even now. Let us all repent our "secret" sins.