Great Is Our Ever-Present God!

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Omnipresence— "God is everywhere, present. There has never been and will never be a place where God is not."

Jeremiah 23:23, "Am I only a God nearby," declares the LORD, "and not a God far away? 24 Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them?" declares the LORD. "Do not I fill Heaven and earth?" declares the LORD.

Psalm 90:2, Before the mountains were born or You brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.

"Time has no meaning for God, save in connection with the creatures that He has made. He created time when He created finite creatures. He Himself is beyond time... To God Himself all things are equally present. There is no such thing as 'before' or 'after' to Him."

—J. Gresham Machen

God Is Here, There, And Everywhere!

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. 11 If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," 12 even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to You.

Application Of God's Presence For My Life:

"An infinite God can give all of Himself to each of His children. He does not distribute Himself that each may have a part, but to each one He gives all of Himself as fully as if there were no others."

1. God's Presence Brings Me Peace And PROTECTION

Psalm 23:1, The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, 3 He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for His name's sake. 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

2. God's Presence Means I Am Never ALONE

Hebrews 13:5, *... "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

Psalm 16:11, You make known to me the path of life; You will fill me with joy in Your presence, with eternal pleasures at Your right hand.

Acts 17:27, God did this so that they would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him, though He is not far from any one of us. 28'For in Him we live and move and have our being.'

3. God's Presence Gives Me Daily CONFIDENCE

Isaiah 43:2, When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. 3 For I am the LORD Your God...

Psalm 27:1, "The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? 2When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall. 3Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident."

4. God's Presence Helps Me When I Am <u>TEMPTED</u>

1 Corinthians 10:12, So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! 13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

Matthew 12:36, But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken.

5. God's Presence Lifts Me Up When I Am <u>DEPRESSED</u>

Psalm 34:18, The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Psalm 116:8, For you, LORD, have delivered me from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling, 9 that I may walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

How To Live In The Presence Of God:

- Invite Jesus Into Your Life By Faith (John 3:16, Romans 10:13)
- Read God's Word Every Day (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- Talk To God About Everything In Prayer (1 Thessalonians 5:16-17)
- **Develop A Habit Of Praise** (Psalm 100)