

The Omnipresence of God

Lesson for Sunday, May 25, 2025

INTRODUCTION:

- ⇒ There's an intriguing reality television series that has come out in recent years called, *Alone*. It drops contestants off in the remotest parts of the world to see who can survive on their own the longest.
- ⇒ There are many confrontations with wild animals, and nature's elements always play a role. But from a Christian point of view, it is view into human nature.
- ⇒ Most people simply don't do well when they are alone. This echoes what God said in Genesis 2, "It's not good that man should be alone."
- ⇒ Throughout life, being alone is a common fear.
 - Children don't want to be sent to their room.
 - Many people fear being single.
 - People fear being left alone in their older years.
- ⇒ In a biblical sense, the Christian should never fear being alone because God is omnipresent. Once again, we will see that our theology has very practical applications in our daily lives.

BIBLE STUDY:

1. The Inescapable Presence of God (Psalm 139:7-12)
 - a. Defining omniscience: God is everywhere present in His whole being. God is fully present in all places at all times, without limitations.
 - b. In verse 7, David poses two rhetorical questions:
 - i. Where can I go from your Spirit?
 - ii. Where can I flee from your presence?
 - c. Even though these questions are rhetorical in nature, David goes on to make the point: God is everywhere.
 - i. Vs. 8: God is in heaven.
 - ii. Vs. 8: God is in hell.
 - iii. Vs. 9-10: God can be found in the farthest ocean.
 - iv. Vs. 11-12: Even in the darkness, God shines forth.
 1. The implication is that God's presence transcends human perception.
 2. Darkness, often symbolic of chaos or evil, cannot obscure His sight or limit His involvement.
 - d. We cannot think of a place where God cannot be found. There is no realm - spiritual, physical or geographical – that exists beyond God's presence.
2. The Biblical Theme of Omnipresence
 - a. Take the time as a class to look up the following verses. Read them together and make appropriate comments that support the theme of this lesson.
 - b. Jeremiah 23:23-24 – God explicitly declares that He fills heaven and earth, making it impossible for anyone to hide from Him.

- c. 1 Kings 8:27 – Solomon acknowledges that not even the vastness of the heavens can contain God, demonstrating His infinite presence.
 - d. Proverbs 15:3 – This underscores God's all-seeing presence everywhere.
 - e. Job 34:21 – God's awareness of every human action further supports His omnipresence.
 - f. In each of these previous verses you can discuss how these truths ought to bring comfort to the Christian.
3. Implications of Omnipresence
- a. When we begin to understand God's omnipresence, we begin to become aware of specific applications. The fact that we serve the Omnipresent God should make a difference in the way we live!
 - b. Comfort: God is near to the brokenhearted (Psalm 34:18; 46:1). Take the time to talk about this one! It is very applicable to most of our people.
 - c. Accountability: No action or thought is hidden from Him (Hebrews 4:13). God's omnipresence should motivate us to holy living! Nothing we do, say or think is hidden from the presence of God!
 - d. Security: Believers cannot be separated from His love (Romans 8:38–39).

APPLICATION:

1. How do we discipline ourselves to remember these biblical truths when we are tempted to feel alone?
 - a. This is a major point of application for our people!
 - b. We do not naturally think about God's consuming presence. Instead, we default into feelings of loneliness and isolation.
 - c. What steps can we take to discipline our minds to meditate on the truth and reality of God's omnipresence instead of being led by our feelings that often deceive?
2. Essential steps to incorporate into life:
 - a. Meditate on Psalm 139:7–12, thanking God for His nearness in all circumstances.
 - b. Make a list in the cover of your Bible of the verses we have reflected on in this lesson for a quick reference when we are tempted to think wrongly.
 - c. Take time to think about God's omnipresence and your life specifically. Identify areas of life where you might act differently if consciously aware of God's presence.

CLOSING THOUGHT

- ⇒ Return to Psalm 139.
- ⇒ Notice that David presents God's omnipresence as for our good.
 - Vs. 8 in heaven: In the best times of our lives, God is there.
 - Vs. 8 in hell: In the worst times of our lives, God is there.
 - Vs. 10: Because God is there, He will lead us and hold us.
 - Vs. 11: In the darkness of this world, God will be our light.
- ⇒ Praise our Omnipresent God!