

Bible Study: The Character of God

XVI. God is Omnipresent

Passages to read:

1 Kings 8:27; Psalm 139:7-12; Proverbs 15:3; Jeremiah 23:23-24; Matthew 18:20

Related passages for personal study:

* Genesis 16:13; Exodus 33:15; Isaiah 40:27, 43:2, 66:1; Acts 17:28

Description of omnipresence: *(the word itself is not found in Scripture)*

- * Presence in every place at the same time; unbounded or universal presence¹
- * Not limited by space
- * “that He is everywhere enables Him to act everywhere and to know all things, and, conversely, through omnipotent action and omniscient knowledge He has access to all places and all secrets”²

Aspects To Consider:

- * **Omnipresence vs. Special presence**
 - God is said to dwell in the tabernacle, temple, Christ, the church, etc.
 - God proclaims His presence among those gathered to His name
- * **Theophanies – God appearing in bodily form**

How should an omnipresent God affect me?

- * It affected David: Heart, Psalm 139
- * It affected Solomon: Humility, 1 Kings 8:27
- * It failed to affect Israel: Holiness, Isaiah 40:27-28
- * It encourages us: Help, Hebrews 13:5-6

Questions for Discussion:

- * Doesn't God dwell in heaven? What does this mean?

¹ Webster

² International Standard Bible Encyclopedia