

KNOWING GOD – His Omnipresence

Psalm 139:7-12

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Principle for Living: Gaze at God. Glance at problems.

I. GOD IS PRESENT IN EVERY PLACE (139:7-10)

Omnipresence means that God is everywhere present with His whole being at all times.

Charles Ryrie

Jeremiah 23:23-24

A. He is present at the highest and lowest locations

Sheol – the place of departed souls or the place of the dead

B. He is present at the furthest points east or west

Merism – a figure of speech where a pair of contrasting words are used to express totality or completeness. (Example: “sit down” & “rise up” in v. 2 means all that a person does)

Jonah could not escape God’s presence (Jonah 1:3, 10).

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II. GOD IS PRESENT EVEN IN THE DARKNESS (139:11-12)

The word for *overwhelm* is the same word *bruise* in Genesis 3:15 & Job 9:17.

David spoke of the night as bruising him (v. 11) because it is often at night that harm comes to people.

Thomas Constable

Darkness can sometimes refer to the trying times in our lives.

God was present with Joseph in his trials (Genesis 39:2, 21, 23).

III. GOD IS PRESENT IN EACH DESTINATION (139:8)

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

A. He is present to bless in heaven

Revelation 21:3; Psalm 16:11

B. He is present to judge in hell

Revelation 14:10

Living becomes an awesome business when you realize that you spend every moment of your life in the sight and company of an omniscient, omnipresent Creator.

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