

70. God is Everywhere

"'Am I a God who is near,' declares the Lord, 'And not a God far off? Can a man hide himself in hiding places so I do not see him?' declares the Lord. 'Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?' declares the Lord," Jeremiah 23:23-24.

God is present everywhere. He is infinite in presence and in location. God is everywhere. There is no place where we can go that He is not already there. We cannot hide from God. We cannot escape or avoid His presence. "Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the dawn, if I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, even there Your hand

will lead me, and Your right hand will lay hold of me," Psalm 139:7-10.

It is comforting to know that God is with us everywhere. However, His being everywhere is discomforting if we are not living holy lives when we are alone or when we are away from other believers. What are you like at those times and in those places? Know that God is there. And He knows your thoughts and motives. "For He knows the secrets of the heart." Psalm 44:21. Do you sometimes act as if God is not present ... or as if He does not know your mind and heart? God knows, He sees, your secret sins ... even if others do not. Psalm 90:8 says, "You have placed our iniquities before You, our secret sins in the light of Your presence." Are you committing some sin in His presence that you wouldn't do in front of me?

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