**How Great is our God – Ps. 139:7 -12**

God is all Present

Do you believe that God is always present in all places, at the same time?

Today are you aware of God’s presence in this place of worship?

Did you know that God was present in the secret places where you hid away to sin?

Did you know that God was present in the secret place where you prayed today?

What happens to us when we come to understand and live in the presence of God?

**Focal Truth: God is always present in all places at the same time**

**Today, we answer two questions:**

**Where can I go from Your Spirit?**

**Where can I flee from Your presence?**

**Observations**

1. **God is always present in all places – 139:7**

 *Where can I go from Your Spirit?*

1. *Man’s goes from place to place – but God is already in everyplace!*
2. *God’s Spirit is present in all places in the heavens and on earth*
3. Col. 1:17 – in Him all things hold together – The Lord Jesus is present in all places holding all things together by His power
4. **No one can ever escape the permanent presence of God – 139:7**

 *Where can I flee from Your presence?*

1. Jon. 1:3 – Jonah rose up to flee Tarshish from the presence of the Lord…
2. Pr. 15:3 – the eyes of the Lord are in every place watching the evil and the good
3. Jer. 23:24 – 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?
4. **God is always present in all places at the same time – 139:8 - 9**

 *If I ascend to the 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…*

1. Jer. 23:24 – *do I not fill the heavens and the earth?*
2. Isa. 66:1 – *Thus says the Lord, heaven is my throne and the earth my footstool…*
3. **Great assurance comes from the permanent presence of the Lord – 139:10 -11**

 *Even there your hand will lead me, and your right hand will lay hold of me. If I say, surely the darkness will overwhelm me, and the light around me will be night.*

1. 2 Tim. 4:16 -17 – *at my first defense no one supported me, but all deserted me…but the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me…*
2. Zeph. 3:17 – *The Lord God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult over you with joy, He will be quiet in His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy.*
3. **God is always present in all conditions of life – 139:12**

 *Even the darkness is not dark to you, and the night is as bright as the day. Darkness and light are alike to You.*

1. Man is limited by darkness or night
2. Man struggles with limitations in this world
3. God is not limited by the darkness or night

 **Things to Remember**

1. Many pretend to believe God is present everywhere, yet they live as if He were nowhere!
2. The God who is present is the God who sees! – Heb. 4:13 – *no creature is hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do*
3. The Lord Jesus Christ is always present, in all places with His people – Matt.28:20

*I am with you always, even to the end of the age*

1. His presence is a comforting presence Heb. 13:5 – *I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you*
2. His presence is a continuing presence – John 14:16 - *He will give you another helper, that He may be with you forever*
3. His presence is a joyous presence – Ps. 16:11 – *in your presence is fullness of joy!*
4. God is present in His people not just with His people – Col. 1:27 – *Christ in you the hope of glory!*

**Daily Use**

1. Don’t run from God’s presence run to Him!
2. Live life in the reality that God is always present, wherever you go.
3. Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and God will come to be in you.
4. Rejoice in the assuring presence of the Lord

**The Lord Jesus said, I am with you always, even to the end of the age – Matt. 28:20**