

## **“The Omnipresence of God”**

### *Delighting in God’s Glory: The Essence of God and Implications for Life*

#### **Introduction**

Delighting in God’s presence keeps us from \_\_\_\_\_.  
When we lose sight of God’s presence, we begin to worship his presents.

#### **A. God is \_\_\_\_\_ present all the time (Ps. 139:7-12)**

“Omnipresence is that whereby he hath neither bounds nor limitation... He is from the height of the heavens to the bottom of the deeps, in every point of the world, and in the whole circle of it, yet not limited by it, but beyond it.”<sup>1</sup>

“God is perfectly and powerfully present in every place; he fills all space as God. There is nowhere where God is not present.”<sup>2</sup>

1. Beyond the heights of \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Kings 8:27; Ps. 123:1; Deut. 4:39)

“God fills heaven and earth just as the ocean fills a bucket which has been submerged in it a mile down. The bucket is full of the ocean, but the ocean surrounds the bucket in all directions.”<sup>3</sup>

“God is an infinite being. He is without bounds or limits, measures or degrees. God is a sphere whose center is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere... God is everywhere in His whole essence at every moment: He ‘filleteth all in all’ (Eph. 1:23).”<sup>4</sup>

2. Below the depths of \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps. 139:8; Rev. 14:10-11)

“Although hell is sometimes described as a place where God is absent, He will be all too real to those who experience His judgment there. Despite being present in hell, God will turn His countenance - His gaze of blessing - away from hell’s inhabitants.”<sup>5</sup>

“God is in heaven in regard of the manifestation of his glory, in hell by the expression of his justice; in earth, by the discoveries of his wisdom, power, patience, and compassion; in his people, by the monuments of his grace; and in all, in regard to his substance,... He fills hell with his severity, heaven with his glory, his people with his grace.”<sup>6</sup>

#### **B. God is \_\_\_\_\_ present (Psalm 139)**

“The omnipresence of God refers not only to his presence everywhere but also to his infinite and powerful influence over all things in all places. All things in heaven and on earth are subject to him by his power, since he providentially sustains all things... To preserve all things according to all his perfections, he must be present everywhere.”<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Stephen Charnock, *Existence and Attributes of God*, in *Works*, 1:423-24.

<sup>2</sup> Mark Jones, *God is: A Devotional Guide to the Attributes of God* (Crossway, 2017), 72.

<sup>3</sup> Tozer, 119.

<sup>4</sup> George Swinnock, *The Blessed and Boundless God* (Reformation Heritage Books, 2014), 26-27.

<sup>5</sup> Steven Lawson, *The Attributes of God Study Guide* (Ligonier Ministries, 2013), 24.

<sup>6</sup> Stephen Charnock, *Existence and Attributes of God*, in *Works*, 1:440, 451.

<sup>7</sup> Jones, 73.

**C. God is \_\_\_\_\_ present (Ps. 139:13-17; John 1:14; Romans 5:8-9)**

1. Christ is \_\_\_\_\_: God with us!

“Amazingly, this boundless God draws near to us in the incarnation... He came so close that He bore our sin and shame and tasted death for us (Heb. 2:9). We placed ourselves where this boundless God deserves to be - on the throne. This boundless God placed Himself where we deserve to be - on the cross. His forgiveness supersedes our sinfulness, his merit eclipses our guilt, and His righteousness hides our vileness. His abundant mercy blots out our multitude of transgressions (Ps. 51:1). By virtue of our union with Christ, we draw near to this boundless God. We find in Him all we could ever want... Our knowledge of this boundless God diffuses into our soul a satisfying peace in this life and a ravishing foretaste of what awaits us in glory.”<sup>8</sup>

2. The Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ all believers, bringing about: (1 Cor. 6:19-20)

A) C \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 13:5; Phil. 4:10-13)

“The Lord Jesus never leaves His people. Whether they realize His presence or not, it does not alter the fact, for He is ever with them as their loving and sympathizing friend and helper--true God, yet always true man... If a believer would walk in loving fellowship with the Lord Jesus when in the path of trial--there must be a quiet, contented, patient abiding in that path where the Lord has placed him; for there, and there alone, will the Lord Jesus meet with him. Disagreement with the path, is disagreement with Him who ordained it.”<sup>9</sup>

Reflection: Are you \_\_\_\_\_ with the One who will never leave you nor forsake you?  
If not, why not? What must change?

B) C \_\_\_\_\_ (Phil. 1:6, 2:12-13, 4:13; Mt. 28:20; Heb. 13:5)

“If we are miserable, we have the presence of his goodness; if we want direction, we have the presence of his wisdom; if we are weak, we have the presence of his power.”<sup>10</sup>

Reflection: How should God’s omnipresence bring about confidence in how you live?

C) C \_\_\_\_\_ (Heb. 4:13; Is. 57:15; Ps. 90:8; Pr. 28:13; James 4:8)

“As Christians, we sometimes fall into the realm of practical atheism, affirming God with our minds and denying him with our hearts. What is worse, Christians commit certain sins in the presence of God that they would never dream of doing in the presence of others. In this age of Internet pornography, which enslaves so many in the church, the vast majority commit this sin in private, not in public. Imagine that: God’s presence has less influence on us than that of mere humans... the study of God’s attributes should bring us to the place where we are humbled to the very core of our being.”<sup>11</sup>

Reflection: Are there any unconfessed sins in your life that you need to confess and forsake that you may obtain mercy?

D) C \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Cor. 1:3-4; 1 John 1:9-2:2; Rom. 8:26; 1 Cor. 10:13)

Reflection: In what ways do you need to know God’s comfort as well as comfort others?

<sup>8</sup> George Swinnock, *The Blessed and Boundless God* (Reformation Heritage Books, 2014), xiii.

<sup>9</sup> Thomas Moor, *Counsels and Thoughts for the Spiritual Life of Believers*, 1882. <https://www.gracegems.org/31/>

<sup>10</sup> Stephen Charnock, *Existence and Attributes of God*, in *Works*, 1:450.

<sup>11</sup> Jones, 75-76.