

## *Where Can I Flee From Your Presence?* *Psalm 139:1-12*

Topic: God, Attributes of

Aim: To show that God is all powerful, all knowing, all present.

1. As we continue considering the nature of the God we worship, we come to consider three very important attributes of God, all of which are mentioned in this Psalm of David.
2. They are the omniscience (literally: “all knowing), omnipresence (everywhere present), omnipotence of God.
3. Let us note how David talks about each of these attributes of God and then bring in other Biblical information on each.

### I. God’s omniscience.

#### A. Psalm 139:1-6.

1. Whatever David had done or thought, God knows it!
2. Implied here is that God knows purposes and motives.
3. That knowledge is “too wonderful” for David. That is, it is hard to comprehend.
4. How can such be? Example of Wal-Mart and computers, see FHU lectures, 1997, pg. 297.

#### B. Consider Hebrews 4:13-14.

1. Such thoughts usually scare folks.
2. But consider what a blessing such really is!
  - a. God knows our problems and extends His care, Matthew 10:30.
  - b. God hears, and knows our needs before we express them in prayer, Matthew 6:8.
  - c. He knows our good deeds as well as our bad ones, 2 Corinthians 5:9-10.
3. The He knows us so intimately and that He still loves us gives us great comfort.

### II. God’s Omnipresence.

#### A. Psalms 139:7-12.

1. God is everywhere present.
2. Such is simply consistent with His eternal nature.
3. Illustrated in story of Jonah. He tried to “flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord...” and ended up in the belly of the great sea creature. But even there, God was.

#### B. Consider Jeremiah 23:23-24.

1. Again, there may be a scary side to this.
2. But it can also be a great source of comfort in that God’s presence is always with us.
  - a. Look again at Psalm 139:10-12.
  - b. Matthew 18:20, 28:20.
  - c. Psalm 46:1-3, 11.

### III. God’s Omnipotence.

#### A. Psalm 139:13-16.

1. As we have discussed, God is the Creator. But such implies more.
2. His works are wonderful and marvelous. Hebrew words related to wonderful in verse 6.
3. One writer (David O’Connell in FHU lectures, 1997, pg. 350) listed five different kinds of power in addition to His creative power.
  - a. Sustaining power, Colossians 1:17.
  - b. Consummation power, 2 Peter 3:7-15.
  - c. Miraculous power,

- d. Providential power.
- e. Redemptive power, Romans 1:16.
- 4. No wonder the Hebrews called Him *El Shaddai*: The Almighty God.

B. Again this has some very practical meaning for us.

- 1. He can do what He has promised to do.
  - 2. His will cannot be frustrated.
  - 3. He has the power to hear, to answer, to forgive and to save.
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- 1. Sometimes the young folks sing a song: “Our God is an awesome God...”
  - 2. Indeed He is. He is all knowing, all present, all powerful.
  - 3. Is your life dedicated to serving this our Awesome God?

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