

PSALM 139:7-10

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.

A STATEMENT OF GOD'S OMNIPRESENCE

 Ontological Omnipresence: God is fully present everywhere simultaneously: Immensity (transcendence)

Eternity is infinity applied to time

Omnipresence is infinity applied to space

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 Relational Omnipresence: The conscious awareness of His personal presence (Immanence)
 In relation to the righteous it is a blessing

In relation to the unrighteous it is a curse

THE FOLLY OF ATTEMPTED ESCAPE

David's lyric of praise is that to attempt to escape from God's presence is foolish and futile.

What causes us to attempt to flee from His presence:

- sin or disobedience -

THE FOLLY OF ATTEMPTED ESCAPE

- Psalm 32: David's experience with sin (silence)
- Genesis 3: Adam and Eve's hiding from God's presence
- Jonah: Fleeing from His presence

The attempt to escape is to alleviate guilt and avoid responsibility

THE FULNESS OF ACKNOWLEDGED PRESENCE

- The conscious awareness of God's faithful presence
 - Fuels confidence (vs. 10-12)
 - Nurtures personal acceptance (13-18)
 - Promotes personal transparency (vs. 23-24)