

God is Present Everywhere

Jeremiah 23:24

Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD.

The setting in which this verse was found was that false prophets in Israel had waged a vigorous campaign against the truthfulness of the Lord and his Word. They had not only attacked that Word directly, but they had also undermined it by limiting the Lord and making his Word less important or applicable. They had suggested that God was limited in his reach, that he was only a local deity, and that he could not see all that they were doing. One could hide from him. These suggestions led to the further implication that God did not care and that even if he did care, he was really quite powerless to do anything about it.

God, through Jeremiah, makes a resounding rebuttal of the false prophets' claims. God is present everywhere at the same time, he fills heaven and earth. He is not far away from us. He is with us wherever we may be. In the house, on the street, when we wake or sleep, work or play, in storm and sunshine, in sickness and health, his is always by our side. What a comfort! He is always near to protect and help us. (Annotated Catechism – Edward Koehler)

Nothing is hidden from His omniscient gaze, from His omnipresence. With these attributes at His disposal, the Lord is naturally familiar with the acts and thoughts of all men everywhere.

What this means is that God knows all of our needs and faithfully fulfills all of them. God is present when we face danger and holds our hand as he guides us through the moat the devil spreads before us. He is there when we celebrate the good times including our family. He is especially present when we near the end of our lives and say with David **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. (Ps. 23:4)**

Prayer: Dear Lord God thank you for your continuing presence all through day and night. Help the thought of that also guide when we am tempted. Amen