

Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
teaching and admonishing one another
in all wisdom,
singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
with thankfulness in your hearts to God.



Who is God? What is He like? Can He be known? These are the most important questions in the universe. The good news is God has answered these questions by revealing Himself through His attributes. The most important thing we can do in the universe is grow in our knowledge of God. We have been created by God to know God. For the season of Lent our devotions will be on knowing God through His attributes.

Omnipresent

When we think of God as infinite with regard to space, we call that omnipresence. His presence has no limit, it is infinite. God is Lord of space and cannot be limited by space. He is close to and next to everything. With His whole being God's essence and power are present here and everywhere.

Scripture

Scripture on God's Omnipresence.

Deuteronomy 31:8 And the Lord is with you and He is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear, or be dismayed.

I Kings 8:27 But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built!

Psalms 23:4 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.

Psalms 139:7-12 Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?

⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

⁹ If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,"

¹² even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

Proverbs 15:3 The eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good.

Isaiah 57:15 For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite."

Jeremiah 23:23-24 Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God far away? 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.

Acts 17:24-27 The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶ And he made from one man every nation of

mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place,²⁷ that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us.

Hebrews 4:13 *No creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.*

Song

Psalm 59:16 *But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.*

[You can Google the hymn to hear it if you would like to sing along.]

Lord, You Have Searched Me And You Know

Lord, you have searched me and you know
where I take rest, and where I go;
you search my thoughts and know my plans,
and all my ways are in your hands.

My words from you I cannot hide,
you hem me in on ev'ry side;
O wond'rous knowledge, awesome might,
unfathomed depth, unmeasured height!

Where can I from your Spirit be?
Where can I from your presence flee?
In heav'n? it is your dwelling fair;
in death's abode? lo, you are there.

If I the wings of morning take
and far away my dwelling make,
if I should sink in deepest sea,
your right hand keeps its hold on me.

If deepest darkness cover me,
to you the darkness light shall be;
if light about me be as night
to you both night and day are bright.

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Prayer

II Chronicles 7:14 *If my people, who are called by my Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.*

Holy Father, you are omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent, all knowing, all powerful and ever present. When we use words like that it can make you sound like a theory, like some great untouchable, unreachable distant being. But actually these words make you intimate, present, with us, for us. No matter where we go or what we do, you are there. You never leave us or forsake us. From before our birth, through every second of our lives, to our last breath, you are with us and for us.

Holy Father, you are the one before whom all hearts are open and all thoughts known, and from whom there is no hiding, help us to know this aspect of your character and nature that it would be increasingly true for us that "in your presence is fullness of joy." Knowing you more fully is our path to fullest joy, help us and draw us nearer, further up and further in. Grant this for the sake of Christ who has opened the way for us into your presence in the Holy of Holies. Amen.

