

But do the Scriptures actually teach this? There are five key references in Scripture which, when taken together, do indeed teach this marvelous truth of God's omnipresence (and thus the Spirit's omnipresence).

The first of these five references is Jeremiah 23:23-24 - "Am I only a God nearby, declares the Lord, and not a God far away? Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord."

Here we learn that God is both near and far. The reason no one can find a secret place that will hide him from the sight of God is not that God can see from a great distance and look into dark places and pierce through the densest rock with X-ray vision (somewhat like Superman), but rather that God fills heaven and earth! Thus if a human being finds a really remote secret place, he will not be hidden from God, for God fills that secret place, and thus sees everything!

The second reference is Isaiah 66:1 - "This is what the Lord says: Heaven is my throne and the earth is my footstool. Where is the house you will build for me? Where will my resting place be?"

In this verse we learn that God is great, immense, infinite in being. It is not that God sits on a physical throne in heaven, and His legs are so long that they reach all the way to earth, on which He places His feet! God is spirit, does not have a physical body or form; and thus we cannot understand this in a physical way. Rather, we understand from this that God is present both in heaven and on earth, and that no tabernacle or temple is great enough to house Him.

The third reference is 1 Kings 8:27 - [Solomon is praying a prayer of dedication of the newly completed temple] - "But will God really dwell on earth? The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built!"

Here we learn that Solomon is quite aware that the magnificent temple he is dedicating can never "hold" God in the sense of containing or boxing Him in. Indeed, the heavens cannot "contain" God, for the infinite God transcends, goes beyond, is greater than, the limits of the remotest heavens! And this is true of the Spirit of God.

The fourth reference is Acts 17:27-28 - "God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find them, though he is not far