

Here we learn that God is not far from each human being. He is near every human being in the world, wherever he or she may be. In fact, we live "in" God and move "in" God and have our being "in" God. The conclusion appears inescapable: God is everywhere! In a very significant sense, God is our environment! We live in Him and move in Him.

Psalm 139:1-12

1 O Lord, Thou hast searched me and known me.
2 Thou dost know when I sit down and when I rise up;
 Thou dost understanding my thought from afar.
3 Thou dost scrutinize my path and my lying down, And are
intimately acquainted with all my ways.
4 Even before there is a word on my tongue,
 Behold, O Lord, Thou dost know it all.
5 Thou hast enclosed me behind and before,
 And laid Thy hand upon me.
6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
 It is too high, I cannot attain to it.

7 Where can I go from Thy Spirit?
 Or where can I flee from Thy presence?
8 If I ascend to heaven, Thou art there;
 If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, Thou art there.
9 If I take the wings of the dawn,
 If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,
10 Even there Thy hand will lead me,
 And Thy right hand will lay hold of me.
11 If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me,
 And the light around me will be night,"
12 Even the darkness is not dark to Thee,
 And the night is as bright as the day.
 Darkness and light are alike to Thee.

In verses 1-6 we learn that the Lord knows everything about us as human beings. Although one might get the impression from the second half of verse 2 ("you perceive my thoughts from afar") that God is far away and knows us from a distance, that idea is ruled out by verses 7-12, where we learn that God is not far away from us, but rather very near. In fact, wherever we go, God is already there! No matter whether we go up to the heavens (to the heights) or down to Sheol (to the depths), or far away to the most remote place on the earth, God is already there. We cannot get away from the very presence of the Lord, for His presence is everywhere!

There is no place on the earth or in space to which we can go and escape from God. God is everywhere. Everywhere there is a "where", God is there! And He is no more in one place than in another.

If we ascend to the highest altitude (the summit of Mount Everest (29, 028 feet), God is already there. If we take off in an