

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. Here we learn that 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 His gaze (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! And this is true of the Spirit of God.

The second reference is found in 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?"

Here 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. He is immense! And this is true of the Spirit of God.

The third reference is found in I Kings 8:27 -- (Solomon is praying his prayer of dedication of the 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 in being than, the limits of the remotest heavens! And this is true of the Spirit of God.

The fourth reference is found in Acts 17:27-28 -- "God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. For in him we live and move and have our being."

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 is inescapable: God is everywhere! in fact, God is our environment! We live and move and have our being in Him. And this is true of the Spirit of God.

The fifth reference is the classic one, and is found in Psalm 139:1-12. David writes:

O Lord, you have searched me, and you know me.  
You know when I sit and when I rise;  
you perceive my thoughts from afar.  
You discern my going out and my lying down;  
you are familiar with all my ways.