

Before a word is on my tongue,
you know it completely, O Lord.
You hem me in -- behind and before;
you have laid your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.
Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.
If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me
and the light become night around me,"
even the darkness will not be dark to you;
the night will shine like the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

Here 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 only 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 Spirit of God, for His presence is everywhere!

The scriptures clearly teach that the Spirit of God is omnipresent. He fills the universe with His presence!

And since the heavens cannot contain Him, we can say that if the universe is finite in extent, then the Holy Spirit transcends the physical universe!

C. The Spirit in the Trinity

The Spirit of God is spoken of as the third person of the Trinity. What do we mean by the "Trinity"?

The Bible does not use the word "trinity", but it does teach each of the distinct truths out of which the theological doctrine of the Trinity has been constructed. The Bible simply tells us that God is one (i.e., a unity as in Deuteronomy 6:4 -- "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one!"); and that there are three distinct Persons who are God.

The Father is called God (Jude 1 -- "Jude, a bond-servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to those who are the called, beloved in God the Father,"); the Son is called God (Titus 2:13 -- "looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus;") and the Spirit is called God (Acts 5:3-4 -- "But Peter