

## Omnipresence

*Malachi 3:6, Hebrews 13:8*

Throughout history God has changed His mind and held back judgment at the request of intercessors like Abraham and Moses, however the attributes and nature of God never change (God's immutability), and they can never be contained (God's immensity).

The immensity of God reminds us that He cannot be contained or confined because He is great, and His immensity permeates all His individual attributes e.g. God is love and His immensity means that His love cannot be measured. God is powerful and His immensity means that He does what He pleases. God has knowledge and His immensity means that His knowledge has no limits. God is eternal and His immensity means that He cannot be confined by time.

*1Kings 8:27, Psalm 145:3*

One of God's many attributes is that He is omnipresent. This means that God is everywhere and He fills the whole universe and His immensity means that He cannot be confined by space.

*Psalm 139:7-10*

There was a point in history when this great immense God became a man in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ (The Incarnation). Jesus had both a divine nature and a human nature. This is known as the Hypostatic Union which simply teaches – one person with two natures.

*Romans 1:1-4, Philippians 2:6-8*

Jesus is the God-Man and throughout His life we witness both His divine nature and His human nature. This is known as the Communication of the Properties where both divinity and humanity are ascribed to the one person – Jesus Christ.

- *Jesus talked about His divine nature: John 17:5*

Jesus is a real man who was born in a real place at a real time yet He is praying to God and claiming to have pre-existed before His birth as a man and even before creation itself.

- *Jesus proved His divine nature: Mark 2:8*

Jesus proved His divine nature in many ways and at many different times. He proved it by His words and His actions especially His miracles. In Mark 2 Jesus proved He had a divine nature when He knew what the teachers of the law were thinking and when He healed the paralysed man.

- *Examples of Jesus' omnipresence*

In His humanity Jesus confined Himself to a physical body with all the physical limits that that entailed such as being in one place at one time. However because Jesus had a divine nature as well in His divinity He was still omnipresent and was everywhere spiritually. Jesus always maintained all the attributes of God and if He did not then He would not be God.

*Matthew 8:5-13, John 4:46-53*

In these two miracles Jesus proved His omnipresence amongst other things because He healed the centurion's servant and the royal official's son from a distance. In other words He was not present physically but could still heal them because in His divinity He is not confined by space.

- *Jesus claimed to be omnipresent*

*John 3:13, Matthew 28:20*

Jesus was physically talking to Nicodemus yet at the same time He claimed to Nicodemus that He was in Heaven. Just before Jesus ascended back into Heaven physically, He promised to be with all of His disciples everywhere and at every moment in history. This could only be possible if Jesus was omnipresent.

- *What does God's omnipresence mean for us today?*

*Acts 17:26-27*

The Greeks thought they were special yet Paul reminded them that from one man God made every nation. The Greek gods were also distant beings yet Paul preached that the one true and living God was not far from every one of us. If people seek Him and reach out for Him they will find Him and that remains true to this day.

*Romans 10:6-9*

No one has to go up to heaven or into the grave to find Jesus Christ. We don't need to go on a pilgrimage or climb a mountain to find Jesus Christ. Jesus is accessible and near every one of us. The word of salvation is in our mouths, and if we confess with our mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in our hearts that God raised Him from the dead, we will be saved.

Jesus might not be here physically but He is spiritually and just like the centurion's servant and the royal official's son Jesus can save us and indwell us right now through simple faith in His death on the cross for our sins and in His resurrection for our justification. Jesus is omnipresent and is not confined by space.

*Matthew 28:20, Hebrews 13:5*

When Jesus saves a person He indwells them as well and promises never to leave them nor forsake them regardless of where they are and regardless of their circumstances. Because He is omnipresent this promise is true for every believer at every moment in history.

How will you respond to the great truth of the omnipresence of God?