

Wednesday Night Bible Study - April 1st

The Greatness of God

God's Omniscience and Omnipresence: Psalm 139

Introduction

- God is incomprehensible
- We know God because He has revealed Himself
- God reveals Himself through His attributes and His actions
- 3 attributes of God that help us understand His nature and every other attribute are :
 - His **perfection**
 - His **infinitude**
 - His **unity**
- God is absolutely perfect possessing all excellencies and beyond any need or capability for improvement. His perfection is expressed in each attribute
- God is infinite without any limitation other than those He imposes on Himself because of His perfect and holy nature. Every attribute expresses the infinite nature of God
- God's unity means that God is always consistent with Himself and His whole nature is fully expressed in each individual attribute, He cannot be other than who He is and He will eternally always be Himself

Psalm 139

You have searched me, LORD,
and you know me.

² You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

³ You discern my going out and my lying down;

- you are familiar with all my ways.
⁴ Before a word is on my tongue
you, LORD, know it completely.
⁵ You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.
⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.

God's Omniscience

God fully knows himself and all things actual and possible in one simple and eternal act.

God fully knows himself.

1 Corinthians 2:10-11

“For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what person knows a man's thoughts except the spirit of the man which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God?”

God knows all things actual, i.e., all things that exist and all things that happen.

God knows all things possible, i.e., things that might happen but do not actually come to pass.

God knows everything in one simple and eternal act

- ⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?

- ⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
- ⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
- ¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.
- ¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me
and the light become night around me,"
- ¹² even the darkness will not be dark to you;
the night will shine like the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

God's Omnipresence

God is everywhere present in His creation; God is infinite over creation

God is infinite. This means that His being knows no limits. Therefore there can be no limit to His presence; He is omnipresent.

In His infinitude He surrounds the finite creation and contains it. There is no place beyond Him for anything to be.

God is omnipresent according to His being and not merely according to His operation.

God is wholly present throughout all things, He is yet distinct from all things.

God's presence may be to bless or to judge according to His nature but His ultimate purpose is always His glory

¹³ For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.
¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.

¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, God!
How vast is the sum of them!
¹⁸ Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand—
when I awake, I am still with you.

²³ Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

**Ask God to search your heart, to test and know you thoughts and to
lead you in the everlasting way**