GOD IS THERE Outline

I. THE OMNI-PRESENCE OF GOD

A. God is Omni-present

1. What is Omnipresence?

- (a) God is every where
- (b) There is no place that God is not
- (c) The Omnipresence of God is His complete essence that is fully present in all places at all times
- (d) All of God is present everywhere at the same time.

Jeremiah 23:24 (NLT) 24 Can anyone hide from me in a secret place? Am I not everywhere in all the heavens and earth?" says the LORD.

B. Three Important Things to Know About the Omni Presence of God

1. God's Presence Cannot be Contained

- (a) Because God is an infinite Spirit, **He is not restricted to being in one location at a time.**
- (b) His presence fills every inch of space throughout the universe with **all** His wonderful personal attributes.
 - **1 Kings 8:27 (NLT)** 27 "But will God really live on earth? Why, even the highest heavens cannot contain you. How much less this Temple I have built!
- (c) You cannot contain His presence in one location

Isaiah 66:1 (NKJV) 1 Thus says the LORD: **"Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool.** Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest?

2. God Presence cannot be Avoided

Psalm 139:7 (NKJV)

⁷ Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?

- (a) David understood that all of God exist everywhere
- (b)God is spirit; and because He is Spirit, <u>He exists everywhere at the same</u> time.

Psalm 139:8-10 (NKJV) 8 If I ascend into heaven, <u>You are there</u>; If I make my bed in hell, behold, <u>You are there</u>. 9 If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, 10 **Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.**

3. His Presence cannot be Ignored

Psalm 139:7 (NKJV) Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?

(a) JONAH tried to **intentionally ignore** God and disregard His instructions by running away.

Jonah 1:1-3 (NKJV) ¹ Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, ² Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me.

- (b) Whenever you try to ignore God by running from Him and you get to where you're going, He's already there because you'll run right into Him.
- (c)Whenever you ignore God, you'll find yourself greatly inconvenienced.

Proverbs 3:6 (NKJV) 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, **And He shall** direct your paths.

(d) **God is everywhere**, and because He is everywhere, He sees the entire landscape!!!

Proverbs 15:3 (NKJV) The eyes of the LORD are in every place, Keeping watch on the evil and the good.

(e) You cannot ignore God by running away from his presence because He's already there; you'll run right into Him.

II.BENEFITS OF HIS PRESENCE

A. EXAMPLES OF BLESSINGS THAT GOD'S PRESENCE BRINGS.

1. God's presence is an essential part of lives

- 2. God's presence is not only essential, but also beneficial in our lives?
- 3. And it all begins with His promise to be always present in our lives.

Matthew 28:20 (NKJV) 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

B.OLD TESTAMENT EXAMPLES OF HIS BENEFITS

1. God's presence always provides us with **protection**.

Joshua 1:5 (NKJV) 5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you.

Isaiah 43:2 (NKJV) 2 When you pass through the waters, **I will be with you**; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you.

- 2. God's presence always provides us with **timely help**.
 - (a) His presence provides us with His much needed help in times of distress, adversity, and afflictions.

Psalm 46:1 (NKJV) 1 God is our refuge and strength, **A very present help in trouble.**

Hebrews 13:6 (AMP)

6 So we take **comfort** and are **encouraged** and **confidently** and **boldly** say, **The Lord is my Helper**; **I will not be seized with alarm [I will not fear or dread or be terrified].** What can man do to me?

- 3. God's presence provides us with rest.
 - (a)Real rest can only come with His presence

Exodus 33:14 (NKJV) 14 And He said, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

Exodus 33:14 (NLT) 14 The LORD replied, "I will personally go with you, Moses, and I will give you rest—everything will be fine for you."

(b) You'll have a quiet rest knowing God has everything under control

Matthew 11:28 (NKJV) 28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

- God's presence always provides <u>deliverance and</u> <u>overcome any opposition</u>
 - (a)God warned <u>Jeremiah</u> that the whole nation would turn against him and reject his prophecies.
 - (b) Yet God promised:

Jeremiah 15:20 (NKJV) 20 And I will make you to this people a fortified bronze wall; And they will fight against you, But they shall not prevail against you; For I am with you to save you And deliver you," says the LORD.

Acts 7:9-10 (NKJV) 9 "And the patriarchs, becoming envious, sold Joseph into Egypt. But God was with him 10 and delivered him out of all his troubles, and gave him favor and wisdom in the presence of Pharaoh, king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.

5. God's presence will always cause us to **prosper** in any conditions and circumstances.

Genesis 26:1-3 (NKJV) 1 There was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines, in Gerar. 2 Then the LORD appeared to him and said: "Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land of which I shall tell you. 3 Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father.

Genesis 26:12-14 (NKJV) 12 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the LORD blessed him. 13 The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous; 14 for he had possessions of flocks and possessions of herds and a great number of servants. So the Philistines envied him.

(a) Isaac **believed** that when **God is there**, no death and no famine (no plaque) **can stop God's abundance** from coming our way.

- (b)God's presence will cause you to prosper no matter how bad your situation might be
- (c)Josephs example:

Genesis 39:2 (AMP) 2 But the Lord was with Joseph, **and he [though a slave] was a successful and prosperous man;** and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

Genesis 39:3 (NKJV) 3 And his master saw that **the LORD was with him** and that the LORD **made all he did to prosper in his hand.**

III. GOD'S INDWELLING PRESENCE

- A. The Mystery of His Indwelling Presence
 - 1. His Indwelling Presence
 - **2 Chronicles 7:14-16 (NLT)** 14 Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land. 15 My eyes will be open and my ears attentive **to every** prayer made **in this place**.
 - 16 For I have chosen **this Temple** and set it apart to be holy—**a place** where my name will be honored forever. **I will always watch over it**, for it is dear to my heart.
 - 1 Corinthians 3:16 (NKJV) 16 Do you not know that you are the temple (sanctuary) of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?
 - 1 Corinthians 6:19 (NKJV) 19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple (Sanctuary) of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?
 - 2. That is the mystery: A great infinite God living in such frail and imperfect people.
 - (a) His Spirit Lives in us
 - John 14:16 (NKJV) 16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—
 - (b) The Holy Spirit is the Personal Presence of God Himself.
 - (c)**Jesus says**, I'm going to send you **someone** who can be **everywhere** with you, all of the time no matter where you are.

- (d)God's indwelling presence is our Lifeline!
- (b) The Lord, Creator of the Universe, has chosen to personally and intimately be with us by living *within* us always!