

The First Baptist Church of Columbus

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T I T L E: PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OF THE OMNIPRESENCE OF GOD

T E X T: Psalm 139:7-10

I. IT IS THE PINNACLE OF MAN'S INTELLECTUAL ARROGANCE, AS WELL AS AN EXPRESSION OF HIS FALLEN NATURE TO CONCLUDE THAT THE NATURE OF GOD CAN BE DETERMINED ONLY BY THAT WHICH IS COHERENT OR RATIONAL.

A. **REASON** — When our reasoning relative to the nature of God argues against His attributes as proclaimed by the scriptures it is not uncommon for humanity to draw wrong conclusions about God's true nature.

The Bible argues in favor of the goodness and love of God but sometimes life's events argue against such attributes as His love and goodness.

The argument involving good and evil is an excellent example of this. That is, if God is loving and good then why is there so much evil in the world.

B. **DIVINE REVELATION** — Divine revelation is communication from God in various forms (such as dreams, direct speech, or written text) and through various means (such as a theophany, angels, prophets, or nature). This communication is knowledge that is hidden from men or previously unknown to men, which is given to humans from God. Lexham Theological Wordbook. Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press.

When we utilize reason alone to determine the true nature of God we will undoubtedly draw wrong conclusions about Him.

C. FAITH — I know God loves me and you for that matter because of what divine revelation says.

John 3:16 ---- For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

1 John 3:16 ---- **16** Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

Hebrews 11:1 ---- **1** Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. **6** But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Faith swims when reason can no longer feel the bottom!

II. GOD'S ATTRIBUTE OF OMNIPRESENCE IS ONE OF THE MANY ATTRIBUTES OF THE LORD THAT IS TO BE BELIEVED MORE SO BY REVELATION THAN BY THE REASONING OF MAN.

1 Kings 8:27; Psalm 139; Isaiah 40; Jeremiah 23:24; Acts 17:24-28; Ephesians 1:22-23

Grudem— God's omnipresence may be defined as follows: God does not have size or spatial dimensions and is present at every point of space with his whole being, yet God acts differently in different places.

A. God's presence is basically there to convict, convince, discipline or punish depending on each situation.

Bavinck - When you wish to do something evil, you retire from the public into your house where no enemy may see you; from those places of your house which are open and visible to the eyes of men you remove yourself into your room even in your room you fear some witness from

another quarter; you retire into your heart, there you meditate: he is more inward than your heart. Wherever, therefore, you shall have fled, there he is From yourself, whither will you flee? Will you not follow yourself wherever you shall flee? But since there is One more inward even than yourself, there is no place where you may flee from God angry but to God reconciled. There is no place at all whither you may flee. Will you flee from him? Flee to him.

B. God's omnipresence is especially pertinent to prayer.

Salvation, Confession, Intercession, Petition