

**Our Ever Present Father**  
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Psalm 139:7-12

*Where shall I go from your Spirit?*

*Or where shall I flee from your presence?*

<sup>8</sup> *If I ascend to heaven, you are there!*

*If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!*

<sup>9</sup> *If I take the wings of the morning*

*and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,*

<sup>10</sup> *even there your hand shall lead me,*

*and your right hand shall hold me.*

<sup>11</sup> *If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light about me be night,"*

<sup>12</sup> *even the darkness is not dark to you;*

*the night is bright as the day,*

*for darkness is as light with you.*

Easy to feel alone during "shelter at home". Must take thoughts captive.

- Truth is you're NEVER alone...your heavenly Father is omnipresent and uniquely indwells every Christian!

omni =all: present everywhere w/whole being at all times. Psalm 139:7-8,  
Jeremiah 23:23-24

- Not move between places (baby Jesus/heaven) or partially here and there.
  - "far/near" from God not spatially but morally/relationally.
- Everything is NOT God (Pantheism)...He is distinct from all things.  
ABOVE ALL!

Inability to understand due to our limitations does not change this truth.

- If God is God, He must be everywhere and thus king everywhere.

Fundamental truth: we were/are/will always be in presence of God.

- Every sin committed in Heavenly Father's presence/sight. Hebrews 4:13,  
Psalm 139:11-12, Psalm 90:8

- Many things never do if thought seen!
- He is just judge because He is a first-hand witness to all our sin.
  - God can be ignored, but he can't be avoided.
    - No place where you may flee FROM God's presence.
      - Flee TO him for forgiveness and salvation.

God is in and around everything, and everything has its existence within Him - but the miracle is He is uniquely within every Cristian! 1 Corinthian 3:16,

Galatians 4:6

- Christian: repent and walk in holiness....your Heavenly Father is there watching!

- Heavenly Father will discipline when you sin but not reject you....still we TRY to run/hide from Him. i.e. Adam & Eve
  - Our acceptance is based on the cross, not your performance!

Father's omnipresence is both sobering and comforting! Psalm 23:4a, Psalm 139:9-10

- You're NEVER alone! He there when nobody else was or will be.
  - through all highs and lows of your life...past, present, future.
- Highs: birth, 1<sup>st</sup> step/word, drive car, graduated, married, child born
- Lows: lost in woods, when sin, physical/emotional suffering, personal loss, rejection, divorce, abortion, accidents.
  - Never, no matter how difficult circumstance, go thru without Heavenly Father.
    - Believing that can replace fear with faith.

Satan must deceive to make God cease to be God to have any effect on Christian.

- Whispers...you alone! Where Heavenly Father now? He doesn't care.
  - Not possible for Him to abandon you. Hebrews 13:5, Acts 17:28
    - Nor is He there (present) but not there....emotionally.
      - Way earthly father effects your relationship with Heavenly Father.

Not just present but supremely attentive/affectionate to all His children.

- He is God of detail so He is intimately involved with every detail of lives.
  - His compassion and care toward you greater than your compassion and care toward your children. Isaiah 49:15-16, Psalm 121:3
- Always have his FULL attention, never too busy to hear us when we pray, never preoccupied w/other problems....you can't "bother" Him!

Issue is not Heavenly Father availability but US: we need to be more cognizant of God's presence.

- Walk in conscious experience of presence of God.

"All our actions become small occasions of fellowship with God."  
from "The Practice of the Presence of God" by Brother Lawrence

- Greet Him beginning/end each day, continual dialogue.

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- God of love, grace, mercy, compassion, holiness, is always with us even through all eternity.
  - We never alone because our perfect Heavenly Father is omnipresent!
    - Because of His grace we will always be in His wonderful, secure presence.