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The Lord Almighty

Isaiah 40:22-28

It is He who sits above the vault of the earth, And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in. "To whom then will you liken Me That I should be his equal?" says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high And see who has created these stars, The One who leads forth their host by number, He calls them all by name; Because of the greatness of His might and the strength of His power Not one of them is missing. Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth NAS **God is Omnipresent**- God is not bound by the limits of space. He is in all places at all times. He is where we are at all times. Can the creator of the universe be confined to a single place? Can the One who stretches out the heavens like a tent be confined on the earth? Indeed He cannot, not even the highest heavens can contain Him for He transcends the limits of space. ***God is limitless, He is infinitely huge, and the span of His hand is larger than the vast expanse of the universes!*** He is in the highest heaven and in the great deep, He is in every place of the world, yet He is not limited by it! He literally fills the heavens and the earth!

Psalms 139:7-8- "Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up **to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.**"

1 Kings 8:27- 27 "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and **the highest heaven cannot contain Thee**, how much less this house which I have built! NAS

Jer 23:23-24 - 23 "Am I a God who is near," declares the LORD, "And not a God far off? 24 "Can a man hide himself in hiding places, So I do not see him?" declares the LORD. **"Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?" declares the LORD.** NAS

Although He is everywhere present with all things, He ***is not*** all things. God is ***distinct*** from all things. Even though He is the sustainer of all things, He does this from without. ***Everything has its being in God***, for He transcends them, sustaining and upholding them, indeed they exist by His pleasure and will.

Acts 17:27-28 - 27 that they should seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though **He is not far from each one of us; 28 for in Him we live and move and exist**, NAS

Ps 33:13-15 - 3 The LORD looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men; 14 **From His dwelling place He looks out On all the inhabitants of the earth**, 15 He who fashions the hearts of them all, He who understands all their works. NAS

Rom 11:36 - 36 For **from Him** and **through Him** and **to Him are all things**. To Him be the glory forever. Amen. NAS

Not only do we have our being in God, but He even knows our inmost being. He knows our innermost thoughts the moment we think them! He is aware of everything we do all the time, ***He knows the most intimate details of our thoughts and intentions***. There is no place where man can hide from God, indeed the molecules of our bodies are held together by His sustaining power. He exists even in the recesses of our hearts and minds.

Ps 139:1-4 - O LORD, Thou hast searched me and known me. 2 Thou dost know when I sit down and when I rise up; **Thou dost understand my thought from afar**. 3 Thou dost scrutinize my path and my lying down, And art intimately acquainted with all my ways. 4 Even **before there is a word on my tongue, Behold, O LORD, Thou dost know it all.**

Knowing therefore that everything owes its very existence to God, we know that God is right here with us in the midst of our life. He is here to share the “rainy days” as well as the sunny days. Indeed we have His promise, to those of us who trust Christ as Savior and Lord, the “He shall never leave us or forsake us.” As Jesus said in Matt 28:20, “I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” You see friend, ***God is a very present help*** in time of trouble. ***He is a refuge for us***, a shelter from the torrents and tempests of life. Always present with us, He *knows* our heartache and our loneliness, and is therefore able to comfort us like no one else can. Indeed He is the God of all comfort.

Ps 46:1 - God is our refuge and strength, A **very present help** in trouble. NAS

Ps 23:4 - 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; **for Thou art with me**; Thy rod and Thy staff, **they comfort me**. NAS

2 Cor 1:3-5 - 3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort**, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

Heb 4:14-15 - 14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, **but One who has been tempted in all things as we are**, yet without sin NAS

Friend, won't you turn to Him in your time of need! He is eager to restore you to joy and fulfill your heart and life. He is a Father of compassion, always present with us in the midst of all we face. He will comfort us and care for us and give us all that we need, if we will turn to Him. Won't you draw near to Him today? He is present with you now and just a prayer away!

Isaiah 28:23

"Listen and hear my voice; pay attention and hear what I say."

Is not he who formed the ear

Worth the time it takes to hear?

Should he who formed our lips for speaking

Be not heeded when he speaks?

Will you not listen?

Why won't you listen?

God has spoken love to us

Why will you not listen?

He spoke a word of flesh and blood

Flesh and blood that bled and died

Bled and died just to be heard

How could you not hear this word?

Why will you not hear this word?

Mark 9:7

"This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"