



## CHAPTER 3

# Omnipresence—Always Everywhere

We may ignore, but we can nowhere evade,  
the presence of God. The world is crowded with him.

C.S. Lewis, "Letters to Malcolm: Chiefly on Prayer"

Omnipresence defines God. It's an essential attribute, descriptive of His divine nature. Whether we notice His presence or not, God neither comes nor goes; He *"inhabits eternity"*.<sup>1</sup> Relegating Him to an obscure heaven imposes an unwarranted barrier. The gap that separates God from us does not change as we think of change—only our perception changes. Any separation that we feel from time to time or from place to place does not occur in reality; it comes from blind spots in our sensitivity. As we develop consistent rhythms of observation, reflection, and interaction, notions of separation disintegrate. We are uniquely suited for being fully present with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Constantly living without the constraint of time, space, distance, or dimension, *"God is spirit"*.<sup>2</sup> He abides everywhere at all times, not only as an invested spectator but as an indispensable participant.

*"In all things, God works [sunergeo, putting forth power] for the good of those who love Him...."* (Romans 8:28 NIV)

With rhetorical emphasis, Jeremiah's prophecy and David's prayer convey the infinite range of His nearness and the pervasive scope of His influence. No one can avoid God's presence—it's ubiquitous.

*"Am I a God who is near," declares the LORD, "And not a God far off? "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. (Jeremiah 23:23-24 NAS)*

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<sup>1</sup> Isaiah 57:15 ESV, NKJV

<sup>2</sup> John 4:24 NAS, ESV, NIV

*Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the dawn, If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, Even there Your hand will lead me, And Your right hand will lay hold of me. (Psalm 139:7-10 NAS)*

Nonetheless, when we take attendance, God frequently seems to be missing, at least from our conscious awareness. Whether intentionally or not, we become distracted, diverting our attention elsewhere, or ignoring His presence altogether. Since the body of Christ ascended into heaven, our natural senses do not perceive His resurrected substance. Jesus told His disciples, *“The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always **have me.**”*<sup>3</sup> The word “have” means to hold or possess, from the Greek word *echo*. Though fully present, we normally don’t see, hear, touch, taste, or smell Father, Son, or Holy Spirit.

### **Avoiding Fabricated Substitutes by Embracing Spiritual Reality**

After speaking audibly from Mount Horeb’s fire, God issued a strict warning to the emancipated Israelites. They did not see a divine form when He spoke, so He commanded, *“do not become corrupt and make for yourselves an idol, an image of any shape, whether formed like a man or a woman”*.<sup>4</sup> God adamantly prohibits the reproduction and veneration of animate objects posing as divinity. He insists that we neither worship nor serve celestial bodies or other substitutes concocted to represent Him, including images of birds, fish, and animals. Being eternally stable, God’s immutable presence offers everyone everywhere ample connecting points—appropriate for each age, in every phase, season, and stage of life.

Many have tried to manipulate and control when, where, and how God chooses to reveal Himself. They/we attempt to orchestrate and fabricate a symbolic semblance of His presence to help secure and retain our focus. Nonetheless, God prefers that we engage our faith to connect directly with Him. Settling for secondhand encounters and remote access meetings expose the concessions we make for inferior expectations. God promises to be found by those who seek Him with all their heart.<sup>5</sup> Jesus remains permanently among us and more importantly within us by His Spirit. Before ascending into heaven, Jesus reassured His disciples saying:

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<sup>3</sup> Matthew 26:11 NIV

<sup>4</sup> Deuteronomy 4:15-16 NIV

<sup>5</sup> Jeremiah 29:13 NIV

*"... surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Mat 28:20 NIV)*

Though physical separation may amplify feelings of loneliness and despair, Christ lives within us securing *"the hope of glory"* that awaits us.<sup>6</sup> Though we fret behind bunkers of fear or feelings of abandonment, the God of hope fills us with *"all joy and peace"* until we *"abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit"*.<sup>7</sup> Peace, joy, and hope, are indicative of His presence, along with and not limited to sensations of love, favor, forgiveness, courage, comfort, inspiration, and enabling grace.

At Jesus' request, our Heavenly Father sent the Holy Spirit to abide within us, hopeful that we will not neglect, ignore, or trivialize the value of His stunning gift.

*"that He may be with you forever; that is the **Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see [perceive or discern] Him or know Him, but you know Him because **He abides with you and will be in you.**" (John 14:16-17 NAS)*

When we are too numb to take the initiative in prayer or in requesting prayer, the Holy Spirit intercedes through us, emoting speechless supplication.<sup>8</sup>

*In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; (Romans 8:26 NAS)*

As *"the way, and the truth, and the life"*, Jesus *"always lives to intercede"* for us. Along with the *"Spirit of truth"*, He combats Satan's accusations on earth and in the courts of heaven.<sup>9</sup> As our *"Advocate with the Father"*, *"Wonderful Counselor"*, and *"Helper"*, these sacred intercessors connect us with the veracity of their presence from the inside out. When we are disillusioned by negative self-talk or distressed by conflicting circumstances, the Spirit of truth reasserts reality with positive proclamations—calling *"into being that which does not [yet] exist"*.<sup>10</sup>

### **Delivered from a Deceptive Travesty of Separation**

When adversarial spirits assault our mind, contention, strife, and discord incarcerate our composure. Eager for opportunities and without our consent, they ignite anger and fear to twist our perspective with biased misconceptions. This

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<sup>6</sup> Colossians 1:27

<sup>7</sup> Romans 15:13

<sup>8</sup> Romans 8:26

<sup>9</sup> John 14:16 and 1 John 2:1; Hebrews 7:25; John 15:26; John 16:7

<sup>10</sup> Romans 4:17 NAS

charade of deception dulls our spiritual acuity and subverts our assigned identity. It separates us from family, friends, and from being aware of God's ever available presence.

God knows our predisposition for misunderstanding, so He sent His Spirit to renew our mind with accurate information and insightful discernment. Perceiving and embracing the truth sets us free to encounter spiritual reality. It delivers us from Satan's travesty (an exaggerated imitation) of separation. When we allow God's love to lead us, His strength guides us to the place where His glory dwells.<sup>11</sup>

When confronting obstacles that impair our divine perception, God advocates a proactive approach. He calls out to awaken us from the slumber of complacent appeasement. We are His children adorned with His strength—royal heirs endowed with His authority. God has empowered us to remove every restrictive chain around our neck that limits the vitality of our relationship. In practice and in principle, this ancient prophecy applies today as we seek the Lord.

***Awake, awake, O Zion, clothe yourself with strength. Put on your garments of splendor ... Shake off your dust; rise up, sit enthroned.... Free yourself from the chains on your neck....*** (Isaiah 52:1-2 NIV)

### **From Original Strength to a Conflicted Disparity**

In the beginning, Adam and Eve were strong. They were as strong as they needed to be and as mighty as God made them to be. With an integrated spirit, soul, and body, they functioned with complete unity. After Satan's assault to divide-and-conquer the human race, we now experience a conflicted disparity. Mixed signals from our mind dictate opposing commands to our emotions. As rival thoughts clash with frayed feelings, physical symptoms complicate our state. Apart from Christ, individuals navigate life in a confusing *mind* field spiked with intellectual discord and hostile crosscurrents.

Believing the truth about God, delivers us from renegade thoughts and twisted opinions that distort the truth about us and this world. Truth, dispensed by the Spirit of Truth, terminates the tug-of-war between spirit, soul, and body. It resolves the incoherent psychobabble that rages against the soma-babble emanating from our body. Rising above this chorus of uncertainty, the Holy Spirit injects powerful words infused with invincible faith, hope, and love.

When the Holy Spirit speaks today, our broken pieces integrate back together with reliable harmony. Spirit, soul, and body begin to operate in sync with God

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<sup>11</sup> Exodus 15:13

and His will as He *pieces us together*, so we have *peace to gather* in His presence. Connecting with Jesus entitles us to special benefits. We *“live [zao] by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God”*.<sup>12</sup> The Greek word *zao* means, to live and enjoy life with active, blessed, enduring, and vital power.<sup>13</sup> God’s word generates strength so we can live a powerful, efficient, and effective life. Each word, deliberately chosen by the Holy Spirit, renews our strength, restores our courage, and sustains our comfort.

As the author of life, Jesus communicates spiritual words filled with robust vitality. He said, *“The words that I speak to you, they are spirit and they are life.”*<sup>14</sup> God has something important to say and He wants us to hear every word. Restoring two-way communication with the Holy Spirit requires more than a state-of-the-art sound system to amplify organized religion. Shining the light of human reason into dense spiritual fog provides poor illumination, which only highlights the fog. The word of the Lord offers stellar insight to burn away stubborn and disorienting mind-fogs. When God speaks, walls of separation crumble.

### **Tearing Down Blockades**

Hypnotized by a culture of denial, we tolerate blockades in our relationship—as if they do not exist. Our Heavenly Father *“reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation”*.<sup>15</sup> He designed us to prevail triumphantly over walls of separation. Rather than ignoring, excusing, or accommodating relationship barriers, we engage our faith to tear them down—without compromise. We don’t negotiate with Satan using human reasoning. We don’t decorate spiritual speech impediments with elegant sounding excuses. We don’t appease illegitimate limits with idealistic excuses. We identify barriers that interfere with our communion and tear them down. Being patient and persistent as God’s redeemed masterpiece, we pray with confidence and prophesy with conviction—that’s who we are so that’s what we do.

Satan’s blockades are fallible gates of Hell posing as indomitable strongholds; they trespass on holy ground. These demonic barriers intrude with unacceptable trickery. Beset by false assumptions, they lack authority to separate us from God’s presence, from one another, and from ourselves—unless we permit them to define our connection and govern our pursuit.

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<sup>12</sup> Matthew 3:3 NAS

<sup>13</sup> <http://bible.crosswalk.com/Lexicons> (accessed 3-10-06).

<sup>14</sup> John 6:63 NIV

<sup>15</sup> 2 Corinthians 5:18 NAS, NIV

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