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A PATHWAY TO HIS FAVOR & BLESSINGS

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- The word "omni" is from the Latin word "omnis", which means all, each, every.
- Omnipresent, Omniscient, Omnipotent
- Understanding these more fully & completely will cause us to have a greater reverential awe of God.

God is Omnipresent

- Everywhere present, every moment, with the fullness of His entire being.
- John 4:24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

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• Ps. 139:7-10 — Where can I go from Your Spirit? 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.

Whether in life, or death, or time, or eternity

God is there.

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- For Jonah, God's omnipresence was convicting.
- He discovered that he couldn't run away from God or His will.

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- For so many others, God's omnipresence was comforting.
- They realized they are never alone.
- God + one person always makes a majority.

- God knows everything there is to know.
- Nothing ever surprises Him.
- Spurgeon: "Has it ever occurred to you that nothing has ever occurred to God?"

• Rom. 11:33-34 – Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who became His counselor?"

- Hannah: "The Lord is a God of knowledge."
- Job: "Can anyone teach God knowledge?"
- Elihu: "The Lord is perfect in knowledge."
- tamim = complete, whole, entire
- 1 John 3:20 God knows all things.

- 1. God is all-foreknowing.
 - God knows everything that will come to pass.
 - Isa. 46:9-10 I am God, and there is no one like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things which have not been done.

- 2. God is all-seeing.
 - God sees everything that exists in the universe.
 - The well of the Living God who sees me.
 - Job 28:24 For God looks to the ends of the earth and sees everything under the heavens.

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 - Matthew Henry: "Though God is out of sight, we are not out of His sight."

- 3. God is all-perceiving.
 - God perfectly understands all that He observes.
 - Ps. 33:15 The One who fashioned their hearts, considers and understands everything they do.
 - Ps. 147:5 His understanding is infinite.

- 3. God is all-perceiving.
 - A.W. Pink: "Men would strip God of His omniscience if they could. The wicked naturally hate this Divine perfection. They wish there might be no Witness of their sins, no Searcher of their hearts, no Judge of their deeds. They seek to banish such a God from their thoughts.

- 3. God is all-perceiving.
 - 1 Kings 8:39 You alone know the hearts of all the sons of men.
 - King David: "O Lord, You have examined my heart, and know everything about me. Before a word is on my tongue, You know it completely."

 Edward Welch: "The fact that God sees every aspect of our lives may, at first, leave us afraid and eager to hide from God, rather than in awe, wanting to embrace Him.
 But the fear of the Lord makes us aware both of God's holy purity & hatred of sin and His holy patience & forgiveness.

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When we remember both, we have no reason to run in fear, especially since there is no place to run beyond the gaze of God. Instead, as we look closely at His detailed watchcare over us, we understand it's an invitation to be encouraged, cleansed, supported, and empowered."

- He possesses all power.
- Gen. 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- Elohim
- El Shaddai = God almighty; the One who makes all His purposes come to pass

- Job: "With Him is strength."
- David: "Power belongs to the Lord."
- Jesus: "You will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power."

- God's omnipotence causes Him to always be triumphant over His enemies.
- Ex. 15:6 Your right hand, O Lord, is majestic in power, Your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.

• Job 42:4 – I know that You can do all things, and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.

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