



Introduction

The Infinitude of God

What do we mean when we call God Infinite?

“We mean by it that God’s being and attributes are wholly without bounds¹”

Where does the Bible teach God’s infinity?

- ❖ Romans 11:33-35—*Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!* “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?”
- ❖ Psalms 147:5—*Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.*
- ❖ 1 John 3:20—*for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.*
- ❖ Daniel 4:35—*all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, “What have you done?”*
- ❖ Psalms 135:6—*Whatever the Lord pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps.*
- ❖ Isaiah 6:1-4—*In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”*

Why is this important to us?

- *If we don’t come to understand the infinitude of God, we will end up worshipping a God far too small.*

The Omnipresence of God

¹ Ibid



What do we mean when we call God Omnipresence?

“In no place is God’s Being either confined or excluded.²”

“God, who bounds everything else, is himself without bounds. He sets bounds to the sea; Huc usque; ‘Hitherto shalt thou come, and no further;’ he sets bounds to the angels; they, like the cherubims, move and stand at his appointment, Ezek 10: 16, but he is infinite, without bounds. He who can span the heavens, and weigh the earth in scales, must needs be infinite.³”

“The word “omnipresent” comes from the Latin word *omnipraesens* [*omnis* = all + *praesens* = present] and refers to the state of being present everywhere at once. When the Bible speaks of God as omnipresent, it means that He is always present in every place in His fullness. Omnipresence does not mean that part of God is in China and another part of God is in England, but that all of God is everywhere at once. Although the universe itself cannot contain God, God is present in all His fullness in every place..⁴”

Where does the Bible teach God’s Omnipresence?

❖ 1 Kings 8:27—*“But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built!*

❖ **Psalm 139:7-14**

❖ Jeremiah 23:23-24—*Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God far away? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord.*

Some Objections/Clarifications

1. Omniscience is NOT Pantheism or Panentheism

Pantheism is...“the position that God and nature are the same thing.⁵”

❖ Isaiah 44:24—*...I am the Lord, who made all things,*

² Thomas Watson (2015-11-21). *A Body of Divinity* (p. 56). Scriptura Press. Kindle Edition.

³ Thomas Watson (2015-11-21). *A Body of Divinity* (p. 56). Scriptura Press. Kindle Edition.

⁴ Washer, Paul (2016-08-09). *Knowing the Living God* (Biblical Foundations for the Christian Faith Book 1) (Page 82). Media Gratiae. Kindle Edition.

⁵ <https://carm.org/questions/about-philosophy/what-pantheism>



Panentheists assert that, "God is greater than the universe, that the universe is in God, that he permeates every part of nature, is part of nature, extends beyond nature, and is also distinct from it."⁶

"Panentheists think of God as a finite, changing, director of world affairs who works in cooperation with the world in order to achieve greater perfection in his nature . . . they believe the world is God's body."⁷

❖ John 4:24—*God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.*"

2. Seemingly Problematic Passages

❖ Psalm 115:3—*Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.*

❖ Psalms 115:2—*Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"*

❖ 2 Thessalonians 1:6-9—*God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, **away from the presence of the Lord** and from the glory of his might,*

❖ Amos 5:24—*...roll down like waters,*

❖ Revelation 14:10-11—*will drink the wine of God's wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night,*

Why is this important to us?

1. The Omnipresence of God ushers us into worship

2. The Omnipresence of God means that he is indeed near to the broken hearted

❖ Psalm 34:18—*The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.*

❖ Isaiah 57:15—*For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.*

3. The Omnipresence of God mortifies

⁶ <https://carm.org/what-is-panentheism>

⁷ <https://carm.org/what-is-panentheism>



4. The Omnipresence of God vivifies

- ❖ Zephaniah 3:16-17—*Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.*