

Psalm 139:7

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?

I think most are familiar with this verse, and even Psalm 139, which talks about how God is everywhere. Because the Psalmist goes on to say:

† **Psalm 139:8-10** *If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.*

And the Psalmist even goes into such detail that he speaks of how God knew us before we were even created in our mother's womb.

† **Psalm 139:13-16** *For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.*

Then verses 17 & 18, I think seals the deal (so to speak) as we read of how much God thinks about us and is ALWAYS with us.

† **Psalm 139:17-18** *How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You.*

Yet, with all these verses telling us how God is with us always, we need to truly ask ourselves if we really realize that?

Now what I am about to say applies to me as well, because we are ALL guilty of doing it. I am referring to our prayers sometimes where we invite God to be a part of something. I know on Sunday mornings we start out the day in prayer as a church family, and we tend to invite Jesus to be there in the church and a part of the services that are going on.

Or personally, we ask God to "come" and help us. Or when we pray for others we ask the Lord to "come" or "go" and be with them. Yet if God is with us always, as we just read in this Psalm, how can we invite Him to be where He already is? It would be like sitting next to our spouse in the house (Hey that rhymes lol) and saying, "Come and join me" when he or she is already there.

Now, don't get me wrong, I understand that when we say those things in prayer, we are inviting God to be a part of our day and the things going on. But think of this, what if we stopped asking

God to be a part of what we are doing, and started to ask God if we could be a part of what He is doing? Because we are all familiar with what God says, which is:

† **Isaiah 55:8-9** *"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts."*

It would be like going to Elon Musk (for example) and saying to him, "Hey Elon, I have this idea of how we can make a thousand dollars today." When we say that, he would probably respond with, "I have plans on how to make ten million dollars today, why not just follow my plans instead?"

We know God is far greater than Elon Musk or any man or woman, and since He is, why not ask to be a part of His plans, which are "**Higher than our ways**".

Also, back to God being with us always (*where can I flee from Your presence?*) it's something to think about all day long. Because right now, as you are reading this, God is with you. When you stop reading this and going about your day, God is with you. When you are flirting with that guy or girl, God is with you.

When we are driving, God is with us. When we are flipping that person off for cutting us off on the road, God is with us. When we are at work, God is with us. When we are texting or emailing others, God is with us. When we are at the movies or watching TV, God is with us. When we give a few bucks to that homeless person, God is with us. When we are talking to others, God is with us.

When we pray, God is with us.

When we say Amen, God is still with us!

So, whatever we do, we need to remember that God is with us right then, and He always will be. And as believers, may our response to this be, "*Lord, I don't ever want to flee from Your presence. I want you with me always, so may I remember that you are with me always, and based upon that, may it change the things I do each day, the things I say and even the thoughts I think!*"

† **Psalm 139:1-6** *O LORD, You have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O LORD, You know it altogether. You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it.*