

## God Is with You

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“In the last century, the number of glaciers in Glacier National Park has decreased from 150 to 35. Grinnell Glacier has lost 90 percent of its mass. Boulder Glacier no longer exists. Ecologists, geologists, and other types of “ists” estimate that the last of these ice fields will be gone in 30 years. Nothing stays the same. Everything changes.”

### **The Lord is With You, and He is the Same Yesterday, Today and Forever, and He Promises to Never Leave You!**

Psalm 139:1-14

O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

<sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.

<sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup> Even before a word is on my tongue,  
behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.

<sup>5</sup> You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is high; I cannot attain it.

<sup>7</sup> Where shall I go from your Spirit?  
Or where shall I flee from your presence?

<sup>8</sup> If I ascend to heaven, you are there!  
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

<sup>9</sup> If I take the wings of the morning  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

<sup>10</sup> even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me.

<sup>11</sup> If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light about me be night,”

<sup>12</sup> even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light with you.

<sup>13</sup> For you formed my inward parts;  
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.  
<sup>14</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works;  
my soul knows it very well.

Psalm 139:5

"You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me."

J. Rodman Williams, "Renewal Theology" pg. 79

"The omnipresence of God is a fact: God is everywhere and is present to every person. But the *personal knowledge* of that fact and *the experience of that presence* is what finally really counts."

Genesis 39:1-4

"Now Joseph had been brought down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, had bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. <sup>2</sup> *The Lord was with Joseph*, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master. <sup>3</sup> His master saw that *the Lord was with him* and that the Lord caused all that he did to succeed in his hands. <sup>4</sup> So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him, and he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had."

A.W. Tozer, *The Attributes of God*

"To know something in your head is one thing; to feel it in your heart is another. And I think most Christians are trying to be happy without having a sense of the Presence. It's like trying to have a bright day without having the sun. You could say, "According to my watch, it is fifteen minutes past noon, and therefore the sun is up. Let us rejoice in the sun. Isn't it beautiful and bright? Let us take it by faith and rejoice that the sun is up, that all is well and the sun is up."

You can point upward and say, "The sun is up," but you're kidding yourself. As long as it's dark, gloomy and rainy, and the wet soggy leaves keep dribbling down, you're not having a bright day. But when the sun comes out, you can rejoice in the presence of the sun."

Psalm 139:7-10

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Or where shall I flee from your presence?

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and your right hand shall hold me.

A.W. Tozer, *The Attributes of God*, pg. 181

“To live in God’s conscious presence means that we also live in the awareness that God knows our every thought. All of us have thoughts that we would be ashamed for other people to know. We entertain thoughts of jealousy, coveting, envy, resentment, and lust. We have critical thoughts about another person’s dress or speech or mannerisms. We mentally argue with people, or in our minds tell off someone in a way we wouldn’t dare verbalize. As someone as humorously said, if all our thoughts for the past week were projected on a screen for others, we’d have to leave town. But our thoughts are no joking matter to God. He knows them in the exact same detail as we think them.”

Psalm 139:14

“Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.”

Genesis 39:2-3

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J. Rodman Williams

“The God who is omnipresent has come in human flesh so that in the Incarnation He was “God with us” – Immanuel.”

John 14:17

“He dwells with you, and he will be in you.”

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