

Lesson Ten: The Omnipresence of God Robby Higginbottom | April 2, 2024

## Acts 17:22-30

<sup>22</sup> So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To an unknown God.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup> nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup> And He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup> that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward Him and find Him. Yet He is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup> for 'In Him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we are indeed His offspring.'

<sup>29</sup> "Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup> The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because He has fixed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom He has appointed; and of this He has given assurance to all by raising Him from the dead."



## Psalm 139:7-10

<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.

## Jeremiah 23:23-24

<sup>23</sup> "Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? <sup>24</sup> 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."

## **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. What do we mean when we say that God is omnipresent?
- 2. How does this attribute of God encourage and amaze us?
- 3. In what ways do we reject our God-given limits and attempt to be omnipresent?
- 4. In which of our relationships do we need to seek to be more fully present? How can we take practical steps toward being present?
- 5. In light of God being omnipresent, how should we think differently about hiding and indulging in "secret" sins?
- 6. If all of God is fully present in all places, why are we often unaware of His presence? How can we live with a deeper awareness of His presence?