

Nowhere to Hide
Psalm 139:7-12
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Thesis: I want to show how God is always watching us.

Intro: 1. Omnipresence – “*present or seemingly present all the time or everywhere*”
2. Has there ever been a time when we wished it was possible to hide from God – for various reasons?

I. The positive of God’s omnipresence

A. ***If I ascend into heaven (Ps 139:7a)***

1. In times of good and abundance God is there. Our blessings come from His goodness.
2. If our lives bring us into overwhelming goodness and abundance God is there with the faithful, to guide them in their way. He does not to take their goodness away but guides them and keeps them in it by His Word (**Ps 32:8**).
3. A wise person will recognize true blessing are nothing without God (**Ps 16:2**)

B. ***If I make my bed in hell (Ps, 139:8b, Pro 19:7)***

1. God would not be a friend to man if He was only present during the pleasant times and the times of abundance (**Pro 14:20, Acts 17:27b**).
2. God wants His faithful to have a life full of joy, however difficulties may still come our way (**Jn 10:10, 1 Pt 4:12**).

C. ***Your hand shall lead, and your right hand shall hold me (Jer 29:11)***.

1. The Lord leads the willing into salvation & goodness .
2. God is always present and always willing to listen to the voice of the obedient (**Ps 18:6**).

II. Is there a negative to God’s Omnipresence?

A. ***If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me (Ps 139:11a)***

1. Some live in such a way that it seems they believe God cannot see them or their sinful actions.
2. Our lives are open before God (**Heb 4:13**). This includes our thoughts.

B. ***Even the night shall be light about me; Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; (Ps 139:11b-12a)***

1. Trying to hide from God in the dark, the hidden places-we have just as much luck as hiding from him in the day time in the open fields. The night shines to God as if it is the day.
2. When we realize our lives are open before God and live like such, then we are more apt to live acceptably before God. Despite how hard we may try or how much we may wish it, there is NOTHING hidden from God.

III. Why would someone attempt to flee from God?

A. ***Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence (Ps 139:7)***

1. Why? Why attempt to flee from God? Just ask Jonah. He didn’t want to do what God had asked him to do. So he tried to run and hide from God (**Jonah 1:3-4, 10,12**).

2. We cannot live eternally by running from God, only by obeying Him.
- B. *But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You.*
(Ps 139:12b)
1. The Bible reminds us that hiding in the dark is like hiding in the daytime. Neither is different to God. We could dig bunkers, move to city after city, we could try to disprove His existence like the atheist.
 2. In the end, we cannot succeed. We won't be swallowed by a big fish (like Jonah) , but we

Application & Conclusion:

1. Why run from God, when we should run to Him – a place of forgiveness and comfort
(Mt 11:28-30)
2. Full Invitation