

GODISNOWHERE

Is the glass half empty or half full?

Psa 14:1 The fool hath said in his heart, *There is no God...*

Omnipresent: Webster- present in all places at the same time.

Psa 139:7 Whither shall I go from Thy spirit (*Heb.7307- mind*)? or whither shall I flee **from Thy presence**? 8 If I ascend up into heaven (*Heb.8064- sky*), **Thou art there**: if I make my bed in hell (*Heb.7585- hades*)(*Lk 16:22 ...Abraham's bosom...*; *Phil 1:23 ...to be with Christ...*; *1 Thes 4:14 ...sleep in Jesus...*), behold, **Thou art there**. 9 If I take the wings of the morning, *and* dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; 10 **Even there** shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand shall hold me. 11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. 12 Yea, the darkness hideth not from Thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light *are* both alike *to Thee*. 13 For Thou hast possessed (*Heb.7069- erect, that is, create*) my reins (*Heb.3629- figuratively the mind [as the interior self]*): Thou hast covered (*Heb.5526- [figuratively] protect*) me in my mother's womb.

- God can be everywhere because “*God is a Spirit*” (*Jn 4:24*) and thus invisible. He would ultimately reveal **Himself** to mankind through **His Son**.

Mat 1:23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, **God with us**.

- But this isn't to be interpreted as though **Jesus** did not exist before **His** physical birth in **Bethlehem**.

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made.

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image,..

- Some might ask “*where was God when...?*” (*fill in the blank: my child died, I lost my job, my wife was in an accident, etc.*). Answer: The same place **He** was when they were crucifying **His Son** on a **Roman** cross to save you (*us*) from an eternity of torment.

Joh 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. **In the world ye shall (not might) have tribulation**: but be of good cheer; **I have overcome the world**.

- Too often **God** is given the blame for things that sin initiated long ago. It doesn't mean that “**God is nowhere**”.

*Gen 3:17 And unto Adam He said, **Because** thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and **hast eaten of the tree**, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: **cursed is the ground** for thy sake; **in sorrow** shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; 18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; 19 In the **sweat of thy face** shalt thou eat bread, till*

thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

- Gideon asked something similar but that didn't mean that God was "nowhere".

Jdg 6:1 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years.

Jdg 6:12 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him (*Gideon*), and said unto him, The LORD *is with thee*, thou mighty man of valor. 13 And Gideon said unto Him, Oh my Lord, **if the LORD be with us, why then** is all this befallen us? and where *be* all His miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? but now the LORD hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.

Just because we walk through fire sometimes doesn't mean that "God is nowhere" to be found. Once again we need to ask ourselves "what is God trying to teach me in this situation"? With the Israelites, God was making things difficult in order to try to get them to return to Him.

- Another person might state "*I have served the Lord for years and still struggle to make ends meet*". This also doesn't mean that "God is nowhere". At least you're making the ends meet. There are many who aren't even able to do that but they don't complain.

Jas 2:5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which He hath promised to them that love Him?

Rev 3:17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: Jesus said this of the church at Laodicea because of their spiritual condition.

2Co 8:9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich.

Heb 13:5 *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have:* for He hath said, **I will never leave thee**, nor forsake thee. 6 So that we may boldly say, **The Lord is my helper**, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

- "So then why is it that there are bad people who prosper and good people who don't? " Does that mean that "God is nowhere"? Remember, Christians are not to be caught up in "class warfare" which is the sin of covetousness.

Mat 5:43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. 44 But I say unto you, **Love** your enemies, **bless** them that curse you, **do good** to them that hate you, and **pray** for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; 45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for **He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.**

1Pe 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time: 7 Casting all your care upon **Him**; for **He careth for you**.

- “But I work so hard for the Lord and have sacrificed a lot in spreading the gospel! Even to the point of ridicule.” Are we admitting that “God is nowhere”?

Heb 12:4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

Luk 17:7 But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat? 8 And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink? 9 Doth he thank that servant because he **did the things that were commanded him**? I trow not. 10 So **likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you**, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have **done that which was our duty to do**.

1Co 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that **your labour is not in vain** in the Lord.

- Actually, the only time “God is nowhere” is when sin has taken over and since He cannot even look upon sin He will turn His face from it and the person carrying it.

Isa 59:2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear.

Since “God is no respecter of persons” (Act 10:34) this is exactly what He had to do when His Son took the sins of the world, our sins, on His own precious shoulders taking the punishment that rightly belongs to us.

2Co 5:21 For He hath **made Him to be sin for us**, Who knew no sin; **that we** might be made **the righteousness of God in Him** (*which is the only way we can see God*).

Mat 27:45 Now from the sixth hour there was **darkness** over all the land unto the ninth hour. 46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, **Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani** (*sab-akh-than-ee*)? that is to say, My God, My God, **why hast Thou forsaken Me?**

Luk 23:45 And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst. 46 And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, He said, **Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit**: and having said thus, He gave up the ghost.

- Before His crucifixion Jesus left His disciples, and us, a memorial to this event in which He still participates with us each “first day of the week” (Act 20:7).

Mat 26:2 Ye know that after two days is *the feast of the Passover*, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified.

Mat 26:26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, **Take, eat; this is My body**. 27 And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, **Drink ye all of it**; 28 **For this is My blood of the new**

testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. **29** But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new **with you in My Father's kingdom.**

Luk 22:18 For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.

- Earlier in Mark, Jesus made a comment on the kingdom of God and how soon it would appear.

Mar 9:1 And He said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be **some of them that stand here**, which shall **not taste of death**, till they **have seen** the kingdom of God come **with power.**

Act 1:6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of Him, saying, Lord, wilt Thou at this time **restore again the kingdom** to Israel? **7** And He said unto them, **It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power. 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:** and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. **9** And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a **cloud received Him out of their sight*.**

Rev 12:5 And she (*Israel*) brought forth a man child (*Christ*), Who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her **child** was ***caught up unto God, and to His throne.**

Act 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. **2** And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. **3** And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. **4** And **they were all filled with the Holy Ghost**, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

- And this is where Peter gave the first sermon in the kingdom, the church, adding that it was promised to Jesus long before.

Act 2:33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost (*Dan 7:14 ...a kingdom...*), He hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

Mat 6:10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will (*that righteousness dwells*) be done in earth, as it is in heaven. (*Only in the body of Christ on earth, the kingdom/church, does righteousness dwell, thus fulfilling God's will.*)

Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, **Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ (the gospel- Rom 1:16):** for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. *This all happened on the day of Pentecost.*

Joh 12:35 Then Jesus said unto them, **Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not**

whither he goeth. **36** While ye **have light**, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide Himself from them.

Joh 1:4 In Him was life; and the life **was the light of men**. *5* And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

2Co 4:3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: *4* In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the **light of the glorious gospel of Christ, Who is the image of God** (*God with us!*), should shine unto them. *5* For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. *6* For God, Who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of **the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ**.

Exo 33:18 And he said, I beseech thee, **shew me thy glory**. *19* And He said, I will make all My goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy. *20* And He said, Thou canst not see My face: for there shall **no man see Me, and live**.

Joh 14:7 If ye had known Me, ye should have known My Father also: and from henceforth ye know Him, and **have seen Him**. *8* Philip saith unto Him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. *9* Jesus saith unto him, **Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known Me, Philip? he that hath seen Me hath seen the Father;** and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father?

“All that is meant when it is said that God is seen, is that some manifestation of Him has been made, or some such exhibition as that we may learn His character, His will, and His plans.” “There was such an intimate union in Their nature and design that he who understood the One understood also the Other.” Barnes

But after the general resurrection...

Rev 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He **will dwell** with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself **shall be with them**, and be their God.

- Once we obtain a new body, which is “raised in incorruption...glory...power” (*1 Cor 15:42-44*), then will we be able to see **God face to face**.

2Co 3:18 But we all, with open face **beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord**, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

1Co 13:12 For now **we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face**: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

1Jn 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth (*understands*) us not, because it knew (*understood*) Him not.

Speaking to Christians

1Co 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the **Spirit of God dwelleth in you?** 17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which *temple* ye are.

Mat 5:14 **Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.**

1Co 12:27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

2Co 5:20 Therefore, we are **Christ's representatives**, and through us God is calling you. We beg you on behalf of Christ to become reunited with God. (*God's Word*)

Through the church... GOD IS NOW HERE!

Mat 28:19 **Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:** 20 **Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you** (*our "duty to do" [Lk 17:10]*): and, lo, **I am with you alway**, *even unto the end of the world (Gk.165-age; Messianic period)*. Amen.

The Gospel plan of salvation...

Hear: **Romans 10:17** ..."faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Believe: **Heb 11:6** ..."for he that commeth to God must believe that He is"...

Repent: **Lk 13:3** ..."except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Confess: **Mat 10:32** "Whosoever shall confess Me before men, him will I confess before My Father which is in Heaven."

Be baptized: **Acts 22:16** "And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

Remain faithful: **Rom 6:4** ..."even so we also should walk in newness of life."

If you have not committed yourself to following the whole truth and nothing but the truth according to the unadulterated word of God, now is the time to do so and we are here to aid you in doing just that.

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