

# IMPACT

**I** **M**ust **P**ersonally **A**cknowledge **C**hrist **T**oday  
Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; *in all your ways acknowledge Him* and He shall direct your path.  
Proverbs 3:5-6

**Passage:** I Kings 8:27 “But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built!”

**Quote:** “According to the NASA web site, traveling at the same speed of “the 3-day-trip time that it took the Apollo spacecraft to reach the moon, it would take over 900 thousand years” to reach the nearest star.”

**G**od is infinite or omnipresent (everywhere-present). “God does not have size or spatial dimensions and is present at every point of space with his whole being.”<sup>1</sup> As mind-boggling as this is to humans, “few other truths are taught in the Scriptures with as great clarity as the doctrine of the divine omnipresence. Those passages supporting this truth are so plain that it would take considerable effort to misunderstand them. They declare that God is immanent in His creation, that there is no place in heaven or earth or hell where men may hide from His presence. They teach that God is at once far off and near, and that in Him men move and live and have their being.”<sup>2</sup> “‘Am I a God near at hand,’ says the LORD, ‘And not a God afar off? Can anyone hide himself in secret places, So I shall not see him?’ says the LORD; ‘Do I not fill heaven and earth?’ says the LORD.”<sup>3</sup>

The truth that “The eyes of the LORD are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good”<sup>4</sup> is sobering. It can offer a warning to the wicked. “For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and He ponders all his paths. His own iniquities entrap the wicked man, and he is caught in the cords of his sin. He shall die for lack of instruction, and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.”<sup>5</sup> God’s presence can likewise offer solace to the saint no matter where he may be. “Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, you are there; if I make 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.”<sup>6</sup>

**God is  
Omnipresent!**

In 2003, I contemplated Psalm 113 while my wife and I enjoyed the gift of a cruise that went into Glacier Bay in the Alaskan wilderness. The psalmist wrote, “The LORD is high above all nations, and *His glory above the heavens*. Who is like unto the LORD our God, who dwells on high, *Who humbles himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth!*”<sup>7</sup>

**C**reation is God’s masterpiece—a visual symphony so grand that I, with baited breath, gaze on to savor God in this vast land. Majestic monuments of stone with snow-clad peaks each testify of Him whose glory pales to naught the splendor of the Northland sky. White waters plunging down the heights, and salmon struggling towards their mark; proud eagles soaring frigid paths o’er glaciers cold, daunting and stark; the ballet of great breaching whales, elusive deer and wolf and bear each play their part in God’s design wrought with our Sovereign’s pow’r and care. Cold, rocky heights ‘gainst azure blue; Fir forests wrapped in misty grey; the surging pow’r of ocean swells and serene calm of sheltered bays laud the great excellence of God In eloquence surpassing praise. They bid man weigh his worship well, and then most rev’rent tribute raise. What sob’ring truth that the Most High humbles Himself to view the span of tapestry in earth and sky—a *spec to Him, immense to man*. Such condescension bids saints join Creation’s hymn with pensive thought— God’s majesty of holiness demands saints worship as we ought.

1 W. Grudem 2 A.W. Tozer 3 Jeremiah 23:24 4 Proverbs 15:3 5 Proverbs 5:21-23 6 Psalm 139:7-10 7 Psalm 113:4-6

