

***Sermon Title:*** "HOW CLOSE IS GOD TO ME?"

**Date:** July 14, 2023 - Psalm 139:7-12

**Central Idea:** God is with us constantly—we cannot escape Him. Are you aware of God's presence?

**Introduction:**

If God knows so much about us, perhaps the wisest thing is to run away and hide, but all "escape routes" are futile. God is omnipresent—everywhere present. He knows where you go. What a comfort to know that God is with you and cares for you! Whether you go up or down, east or west, He is there. God promised in Hebrews 13:5, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." Sinners try to hide from God, but believers hide in God. Not only does God know who we are, but He knows where we are.

I. The Realm of the Dead vv. 7-8

1. Two Questions v. 7
2. Up to Heaven v. 8a
3. Down to Sheol v. 8b

II. The Realm of Distance vv. 9-10

1. To the East
2. To the West

III. The Realm of Darkness vv. 11-12

1. God Is Transcendent
2. God Is Immanent

**Conclusion:**

The comforting thought is that if God is everywhere, He is also immediately accessible! I can make contact with Him immediately and instantly. He is right here! Distance between God and me is created, not on His initiative, but by my sin and guilt. Where God is, there can be no evil. Light and darkness cannot coexist. I hope you find it comforting to know that God knows you, understands you, and cares about you.