I want to KNOW YOU**:** the Attributes of God

**OMNIPRESENT**

**LESSON 18** *questions are based on the New International Version (NIV) 2011 edition.*

1. What truth, verse, or insight has helped you know Him better as our **Omnipotent** God?

2. Pray and ask God to enable you to grasp His **Omnipresence** in this Lesson. As you read **Isaiah 41:8-20**, look for words or phrases that convey God’s nearness or **Presence**.

3. a) From **V8-9**, to whom are these words addressed, and how are these people described?

 b) What can you conclude about God and His connection to them?

4. **V10** is the heart of God’s message to His covenant people. What did God command? What did He promise (that points to His **Omnipresence**)?

5. Given the context that Northern Israel had been taken into captivity by Assyria, and that Judah narrowly escaped an invasion by them, read **V11-13** with that in mind.

a) How did their enemies behave, and what became of them (**V11-12**)?

 b) **V13** echoes **V10**. Compare these two verses; what strikes you about the different uses of the “right hand” metaphor.

 c) Using **V10** and **V13**, write a truth that connects with God’s attribute of being **Omnipresent**.

6. According to **V14**, how was Jacob (Israel) described, and what does that say about God and His relationship with His people?

7. a) In your own words, what are **V15-16** saying?

b) When has God’s personal help and **presence** allowed you or someone you know to overcome a great challenge, leading to rejoicing in the Lord?

8. a) What was the situation described in **V17a,** and why do you think that analogy was used?

 b) In **V17b-19**, track each of His “I will” statements as you marvel at how God promised to respond to their need.

9. What was the purpose behind all that God promised to do (**V20**)?

Note: Just as the Israelites needed and experienced God’s **Presence** in the Old Testament, so did many of God’s servants in the New Testament, such as the Apostle Paul.

10. For background, Paul had recently endured imprisonment, flogging, riots, and overall abuse. Read **Acts 18:9-11**.

a) How did Paul experience God’s **Presence**, and what did God say to him?

b) What impact did it have for that time (and for eternity) in **V11**?

11. Later in his life, Paul was imprisoned in Rome, on trial, and facing death as a martyr.

a) Read what he wrote in **2 Timothy 4:16-18**, and describe the difficult circumstances he faced.

b) How was God’s **Presence** manifested, and what was the outcome (**V17**)?

c) For what situation does that visual of His **Presence** strengthen you? Explain.

12. a) What is the ultimate reality of God’s **Presence** that was announced in **Matthew 1:23**?

 b) How can Jesus be “God with us”? Find insight in **John 1:14** and **Hebrews 1:3a**.

 c) How is the astounding truth of His **Omnipresence** expressed in **Matthew 28:20b**?

13. God is not limited by time or space. He is everywhere.

a) How does **Psalm 139:7-10** enlarge the scope of His **Omnipresence**?

 b) In what ways have you come to know God better and appreciate this attribute?

14. Why do you think many of us still live in fear and dismay despite the things we have learned about our **Omnipresent** God?

**DIGGING DEEPER**

 1. God is **present** in your life, and His **presence** makes all the difference. What are some of these differences according to the following verses:

* **Psalm 16:11b**
* **Psalm 23:4**
* **Psalm 34:18**
* **Psalm 46:1**
* **Isaiah 50:8-9a**

2. a) Write out the Suggested Memory Verse: **Isaiah 41:10**

b) Sing or pray the praises of “God with us”…the **Omnipresent** One.

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