

A photograph of a dense forest with sunlight filtering through the trees, creating a misty atmosphere. The text is overlaid on the bottom left of the image.

**the Awareness
of God's Presence**

Most people only think about God when they're in trouble, but God thinks about us all the time.

Psalm 139:1-4,7,10-18 KJV

[1] O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me. [2] Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. [3] Thou compasses my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. [4] For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether. [7] Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? [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 my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. [14] I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. [15] My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. [16] Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them. [17] How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! [18] If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

God is with us at all times whether we're aware of Him or not. Sometimes we allow ourselves to be distracted by what's going on around us and forget about Him, but is there really any circumstance more worthy of our attention than God?

Exodus 3:13-14 KJV

[13] And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? [14] And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

Proverbs 15:29 KJV

The Lord is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.

God's will is for us to live in the awareness of his presence.

Genesis 1:26 KJV

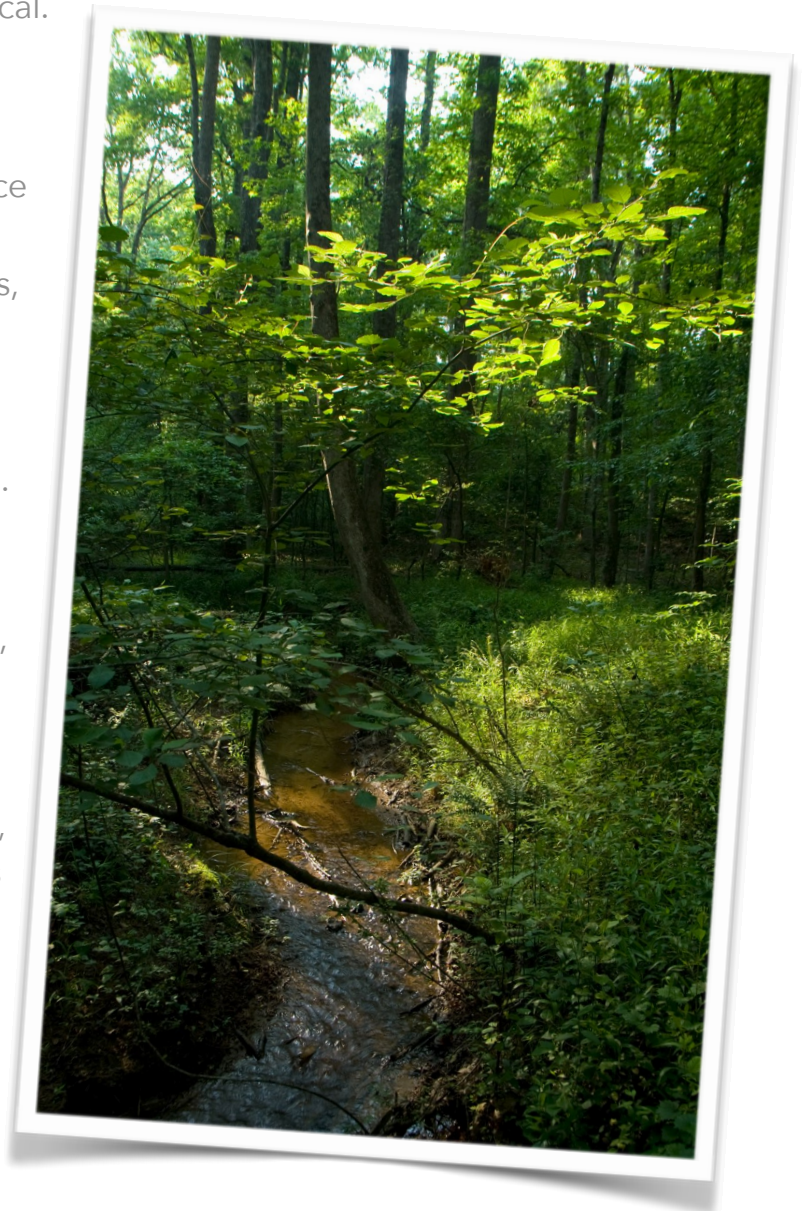
[26] And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Pantheism is the belief that God is in everything, the trees, the rocks, the stars, etc... but that's not the God of the bible. God was in existence before he created all things and is distinctly different from his creation. His glory is not dependent upon His creation, but creation is dependent upon His glory. It serves Him no glory to be a rock at the bottom of the sea.

Understanding Who God is:

1. God is all encompassing, not just local.
2. God has no beginning and no end.
3. God is a person, not just a force.
4. God is omnipresent, there is no place you can be apart from God.
5. God is always aware of our thoughts, emotions, and deeds.
6. God is the only creator, nothing has been created apart from him.
7. God is not subject to any limitations.
8. God is a spirit and can live within us and around us.
9. Everything happens in his presence, both good and evil deeds alike.

Man is the highest form of God's creation, each one of us has a purpose. He created us not because he had to but because he loves each and every one of us and wants us to reside with him forever if we choose to accept, honor and love God with all our heart. God even chooses not to give up on us after we sin and are separated from him. He provides a way back to him permanently through the blood of Jesus who takes away our sins and makes us whole and perfect in his sight.



Being aware of God's presence in our life is the true meaning of wealth. Treasure that can be counted, touched, weighed, or measured, can also be lost, but God's gift of eternal salvation through the blood of Jesus can never be taken away.

John 14:16-20 KJV

[16] And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; [17] Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. [18] I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. [19] Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. [20] At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

What Hinders the Awareness of God in Our Life:

1. **WE GET BUSY** - We allow the daily activities to get in the way and block out the bigger picture of God in our lives.
2. **NEGLECTING THE WORD OF GOD** - Our wisdom begins to fade when we ignore the word of God.
3. **SIN IN OUR LIVES** - Sin creates a wall of separation between us and God.
4. **LACK OF PRAYER IN OUR LIFE** - Not talking to God distances us, it shows a lack of desire on our part to want to have a relationship with him.
5. **WE GET DISTRACTED BY OTHERS** - We let other people fill our time and thoughts instead of desiring God to be involved in our life.

Evidence That God is Involved in My Life:

1. He's always on my mind.
2. He is my companion.
3. Everything I view is in light of his presence.
4. There will be peace in my heart through storms.
5. A hunger for God's word.
6. A joy in our life from the word of God.
7. A continued dependence on God in our life.
8. A sense of calmness and quietness from knowing God is in control.
9. The sifting of every decision to see if it is the will of God.



God living within us and having him live out his purpose through us is living life at its best.

Knowing someone for a long time we get to know how they will react to different circumstances. We should be so comfortable with the presence of God in our life, that we know how He will react to any situation without having to give it any thought. It is a choice we make to acknowledge God in our life. All that God has to offer is waiting for us if we walk in obedience to him and desire him in our life.

There are Five Words to Summarize the Joy of Living in God's Presence, Comfort, Courage, Calmness, Certainty, and Closeness.