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“And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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God Is Not Limited By Time or Space

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Much of our planning is due to the fact we are limited by time and space. We may have a place to be at on a particular day. Our destination is so many miles away. Since we cannot be everywhere at once, we will have to factor in travel time to reach our destination. God can be everywhere at once for He is not limited by space. He has no beginning or end, for He is eternal.

Eternal? Yes, He “*inhabits eternity*” (Isaiah 57:15). While time begins for man with the creation of the earth, God, who formed it, is “*everlasting to everlasting*” (Psalm 90:2). Infinite? Yes, “*The eyes of Jehovah are in everyplace, keeping watch upon the evil and the good*” (Proverbs 15:3). David writes, “*Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? Or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there; if I make my bed in Sheol, behold, thou are there.*” (Psalm 139:7-8).

God has no spatial limits, and transcends all time restraints. In the beginning, when God created the heavens and earth, time and space began. It began for man, who is limited by them, but not for God. What is time to Him? “*For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night*” (Psalm 90:4). What is space to Him? If I run with the morning light of the sun in the East to its setting in the West, God is already there to “*lead me*” (Psalm 139: 9-10).

Man makes the mistake of thinking that sense the world has been in existence thousands of years without God bringing it to an end as promised, then God’s promise will not occur. Man thinks in terms of time in years while time as such is meaningless with God. “*...One day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day*” (2 Peter 3:8). Those mocking an eternal God for not coming in their time are not wise. The believer, understanding God is not limited by time, should remain

faithful appreciating their longsuffering God.

God confronts false prophets by saying, “*Am I a God at hand, saith Jehovah, and not a God afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places so that I shall not see him? saith Jehovah. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith Jehovah (Jeremiah 23:23-25).* God knows they prophesy lies, because He is not limited by space. He is both near and afar. He is infinite.

Because God is not limited by space, He is near all men seeking the one true God (Acts 17:27). He is near the praying Christian who strives to be forbearing in anxious times (Philippians 4:5-7). The righteous should never feel alone before their infinite God, knowing “*the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous*”; while those who do evil are always before “*the face of the Lord*” (1 Peter 3:12).

By faith we know God is not limited by time or space. Are you living wisely in such wondrous thought?