



## Knowledge of the Holy

### Chapter 14: God's Omnipresence

*There is no place beyond Him for anything to be. God is our environment as the sea is to the fish and the air is to the bird. "God is over all things," wrote Hilbert of Lavardin, "under all things outside all; within but not enclosed; without but not excluded; above but not raised up; below but not depressed; wholly above, presiding; wholly beneath, sustaining; wholly within, filling."*

*The doctrine of the divine omnipresence personalizes man's relation to the universe in which he finds himself. This great central truth gives meaning to all truths and imparts supreme value to all his little life. God is present, near him, next to him, and this God sees him and knows him through and through.*

*To him "the practice of the presence of God" consists not of protecting an imaginary object from within his own mind and then seeking to realize its presence; it is rather to recognize the real presence of the One whom all sound theology declares to be already there...*

*The certainty that God is always near us, present in all parts of His world, closer to us than our thoughts, should maintain us in a state of high moral happiness most of the time. But not all the time. It would be less than honest to promise every believer continual jubilee and less than realistic to expect it. As a child may cry out in pain even when sheltered in its mother's arms, so Christian may sometimes know what it is to suffer even in the conscious presence of God.*

Share with a group a time when God's presence in your life was overwhelmingly understood. How did that awareness guide you through a significant season in your life?

Read Psalm 61. How has the psalmist experienced God's presence in his life? What is His request?

How has God's presence given you a sense of value or worth? How have you seen lives, without a sense of God's presence, flounder for purpose and meaning?

How do you seek to experience the presence of God in your day-to-day activities?

What do you think Tozer means by "high moral happiness." How has God's presence ushered you into an attitude of joy and sustained you in times of sorrow?

