

“I am the Lord”

Throughout the scriptures, inspired writers describe God in many different ways, but it is unique to see how God describes Himself. The phrase *“I am the Lord”* is found 161 times. This phrase is almost always used before or after a prophesy. Is this a coincidence? No. This is a specific statement given by God as proof to the prophecy. Why should they heed the prophecy? Why should they listen to what the prophet had to say? Because God is Lord!

Lord is defined as a master or ruler. It denotes someone of higher rank and status. The description was used in biblical times similar to the way society would use it today. When a person is called “lord,” that person is put in a rank higher than others, a rank of power or authority. When God prophesied to the Israelites, *“and ye shall know that I am the Lord,”* (I Kings 20:28) He proves that not only did He have the ability to deliver them out of bondage, but by doing so He was their lord and master. The prophecy was to prove that He was in control; that if it came true, He was Lord of not only them but of all the earth.

What qualifies God to be the Lord of all the earth? If God is going to be the Lord, than He would have to be superior to all people He ruled over. One can not have power or authority over someone greater than himself. In the secular world, one can not tell their boss what to do. At best, they can make suggestions and comments, but ultimately the decision is left to the boss to decide. Psalm 139 describes many of the attributes that make God the Lord of us all.

In verses 1-6, God’s omniscience is described,

O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether. Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

God is omniscient because He knows everything. In I Corinthians 1, a comparison is made between our knowledge and God’s, *“the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men”* (vs 25). God at his weakest point is infinitely stronger and smarter than any human being. The verses in Psalm 139 state that God *“knowest,” “understandest,”* and *“art acquainted with all my ways.”* There is nothing one can do and hide it from God. Just as Psalm 139 points out, from one’s *“downsitting”* to one’s *“uprising,”* God is aware of what they do. How?

In Psalm 139:7-12 God is described as one who is everywhere or omnipresent,

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 hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

There is no height or depth that one can escape from the presence of the Almighty God. If one ascends “*into heaven*,” God is there. If one descends into “*hell*,” God is there. There is no distance we can travel to escape God. No matter how early we start our day or how late we end it, God will always be there. One can hide from men and other created things in darkness, but to God darkness, “*shineth as the day*.” God is always with us. This is how He is omniscient, because He is omnipresent. How can one be every where at all times, at once?

God can be everywhere at once because He is omnipotent. He is the creator and the Almighty God. Psalm 139:13-16 illustrate this point from mankind’s standpoint,

For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother s womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. 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.

He has created all mankind. From conception in the womb, God began to form every human being. The bible tells us that, “*In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth*” (Genesis 1:1). The record continues to show each day of creation until the sixth day that climaxed at the creation of mankind. With the creation of Adam and Eve, God put humanity in control of the physical things of this earth. He created mankind to have a choice of good or evil, and He gave us His law. God has never forced anyone to obey Him. God is mankind’s creator, lawgiver, and saviour. He is omniscient, omnipresent, and omnipotent. All of these facts are what makes Him Lord.