

Ole Miss FCA Weekly Devotional: 10/12/09

The Power and Passion of the Master Coach, Elliot Johnson



Thought of the Week:

God's infinity in space

Verse of the Week:

Where can I go from your spirit? Where can I flee from your presence. Psalm 139:7

Middle linebackers must be agile to avoid blockers, mobile to run down opposing ball carriers, and tough enough to tackle them! Men like Brian Urlacher and Ray Lewis make a living running all over the field making tackles. At times, they seem to the opposing quarterback to be almost omnipresent!

While a good linebacker may seem to be omnipresent, God is omnipresent. As God cannot be measured in time or knowledge, neither can He be measured in space. He cannot be localized. God has access to all His creation at all times. As the question, "How old is God?" cannot be answered, neither can the question, "How big is God?" be answered!

In Jeremiah 23:23-24, God says, "Am I only a God nearby," declares the Lord, "and not a God far away? Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see him?," declares the Lord. "Do not I fill heaven and earth?" Yes, the presence of God fills the heavens and the earth! God is present everywhere at all times. What an amazing thought! Let your mind travel through space from star to star and from one galaxy to the next to the most remote part of the universe. God is present there and beyond, and He has all of it in the palm of His hand!

God is not like a superman, flying from point to point. He is already present everywhere! God's omnipresence is quite discomfoting to those who want to do evil. It is also an uncomfortable truth for Christians who disobey God, for we get the overwhelming sense of being "caught in the act." In the midst of sin or immediately following, we realize the presence of God. It is when we sin that Proverbs 15:3 comes to life: "The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good." Adam's sin of disobedience led to another deception when he tried to hide himself from God (Genesis 3:10). But God knew where Adam was hiding because God was already there!

Our God is Sovereign King of His universe, and He is present everywhere simultaneously. He knows everything that happens or will happen and He is a witness. God's presence extends beyond our finite comprehension. Our God is truly awesome! Praise Him because He is where He is!

Like a good linebacker who seems to be all over the field, our God is present throughout all of His creation!

Time Out:

- 1) Is God's omnipresence a comfort or a discomfort to you?
- 2) How does knowing about God's omnipresence help you trust Him?
- 3) What do these Scriptures indicate concerning God's omnipresence and the implications for your life and service? Job 11:7-8; Isaiah 66:1-2; Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 17:24-28; Hebrews 4:13