



# *Jesus*

*The Ever-Present God*

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Jesus is not an absentee God. He embodies three key attributes: omnipresence, omniscience, and omnipotence. Below are the definitions of these terms in Hebrew, Greek, and English, along with their implications for our understanding of God.

## Definitions

### 1. Omnipresence

- Hebrew: מְיָוֶמֶת (Maqom) - Meaning “place” or “space,” indicating God’s presence everywhere.
- Greek: πανταχού παρών (pantachou paron) - Meaning “present everywhere.”
- English: The quality of being present in all places at all times.
- Implication: God is not limited by time or space; He is always with us, regardless of our circumstances.

### 2. Omniscience

- Hebrew: מְרִיב (Arum) - Meaning “wise” or “prudent,” reflecting God’s all-knowing nature.
- Greek: παντογνώστης (pantognostes) - Meaning “all-knowing.”
- English: The state of knowing everything; having complete or unlimited knowledge.
- Implication: God understands our hearts, thoughts, and needs even before we express them.

### 3. Omnipotence

- Hebrew: כֹּחַ (Koach) - Meaning “strength” or “power,” signifying God’s ultimate power.
- Greek: παντοδύναμος (pantodynamos) - Meaning “all-powerful.”
- English: The quality of having unlimited or very great power.
- Implication: Nothing is impossible for God; He has the power to intervene in our lives and the world.

## Jehovah in the Old Testament

Jehovah was never absent in the Old Testament. Here are examples of His presence and intervention in people’s lives:

1. Moses - Encountered God in the burning bush (Exodus 3) and received the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20).
2. Abraham - Spoke with God and received promises, including the covenant of descendants (Genesis 12, 15).
3. Jacob - Wrestled with God and received a blessing, transforming his identity (Genesis 32).
4. Joseph - Experienced God’s presence during his trials in Egypt, interpreting dreams and rising to power (Genesis 39-41).
5. Ruth - Found favor in God’s eyes, leading to her

inclusion in the lineage of David (Book of Ruth).

6. David - Received guidance and support from God throughout his reign, composing many Psalms in worship (1 Samuel, 2 Samuel).

7. Esther - Found courage and wisdom through God's presence, saving her people from destruction (Book of Esther).

8. Daniel - Interpreted dreams and visions with God's help, demonstrating God's sovereignty over kingdoms (Book of Daniel).

9. Job - Experienced profound suffering yet encountered God in the midst of his trials, leading to restoration (Book of Job).

10. Hannah - Prayed fervently for a child and received God's answer, leading to the birth of Samuel (1 Samuel 1).

11. Gideon - Received reassurance and guidance from God in his calling to deliver Israel (Judges 6).

12. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego - Experienced God's miraculous deliverance from the fiery furnace (Daniel 3).

13. Elijah - Encountered God in the still small voice after fleeing from Jezebel, receiving encouragement and direction (1 Kings 19).

14. Hezekiah - Prayed for deliverance from Assyria,

and God intervened by sending an angel to defeat the enemy (2 Kings 19).

15. Nehemiah - Prayed for God's favor and guidance as he rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem, receiving support from the king (Nehemiah 1-2).

## Jesus in the New Testament

In the New Testament, Jesus was also present with His followers. Here are notable individuals who experienced His intervention:

1. Mary Magdalene - Encountered the risen Christ, who appeared to her first after His resurrection (John 20:14-18).

2. Peter - Received guidance and restoration from Jesus after denying Him (John 21:15-19).

3. Paul - Experienced a transformative encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus, changing the course of his life (Acts 9:1-19).

4. The Disciples - Were taught and empowered by Jesus, receiving the Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20).

5. The Woman at the Well - Received revelation and acceptance from Jesus, leading to her evangelizing her town (John 4:1-26).

6. Lazarus - Was raised from the dead by Jesus, demonstrating His power and presence (John 11:1-44).
7. The Blind Man - Received healing from Jesus, showing His compassion and power (John 9).
8. The Centurion - Demonstrated faith in Jesus' authority, leading to the healing of his servant (Matthew 8:5-13).
9. Mary and Martha - Experienced Jesus' comfort and presence during the death of their brother Lazarus (John 11).
10. The Early Church - Experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, empowering them for ministry (Acts 2).
11. Zacchaeus - Encountered Jesus, who transformed his life during His visit (Luke 19:1-10).
12. The Paralytic - Was healed by Jesus after being lowered through the roof by his friends (Mark 2:1-12).
13. The Woman with the Issue of Blood - Experienced healing through her faith in touching Jesus' garment (Mark 5:25-34).
14. The Demoniac of Gadara - Was delivered from a legion of demons, showcasing Jesus' authority over evil (Mark 5:1-20).

15. The Thief on the Cross - Received assurance of salvation from Jesus in his final moments (Luke 23:39-43).

## Scriptures Illustrating Jehovah's Ever-Presence

Here are scriptures that highlight Jehovah's ever-present work in the lives of people:

1. Genesis 28:15 "I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

2. Exodus 33:14 "The Lord replied, 'My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.'"

3. Isaiah 41:10 "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

4. Psalm 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."

5. Isaiah 43:2 "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze."

## Conclusion

Throughout both the Old and New Testaments, Jehovah and Jesus demonstrate that they are not absentee figures. They are actively present in the lives of those who seek them, providing guidance, support, and love. Their omnipresence, omniscience, and omnipotence assure us that we are never alone, and that God is always aware of our needs and capable of meeting them. Jehovah is Jesus in the Old Testament, and Jesus is Jehovah in the New Testament.

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