Introduction

- 1. Elihu declared God as his Maker, the Almighty, and perfect in knowledge (cf. <u>Job 36:3, 37:23, 16</u>)
 - a. He also declared the ever-presence of God (cf. Job 34:21-22)
- 2. Like God's other attributes this can be a challenge to comprehend
 - a. We are bound by time as finite beings
 - i. God is eternal (<u>Dt. 33:27</u>; cf. <u>Hab. 1:12</u>; <u>2 Pt. 3:8</u>)
 - b. We are bound by space as finite beings
 - i. God is everywhere at all times
 - c. We need evidence to believe, and God has supplied it in His Holy Book

The Evidence for God's Ever-Presence

- 1. Solomon declared the ever-presence of God (Pr. 5:21, 15:3, 11)
- 2. The prophets of old declared the ever-presence of God
 - a. Jeremiah (Jer. 16:17, 23:23-24)
 - b. Zechariah (Zec. 3:9, 4:10)
- 3. Paul declared the ever-presence of God (Acts 17:23-27)
- 4. The Hebrews writer declared the ever-presence of God (Heb. 4:13)
- 5. Peter declared the ever-presence of God (1 Pt. 3:12)
 - a. This is a double-declaration as Peter cites from Ps. 34:15-16 written by David
- 6. Jesus declared the ever-presence of God (Mt. 10:29; cf. Lk. 12:6)

The Response to God's Ever-Presence

- 1. King Asa
 - a. Asa started out as a good king of Judah (2 Chr. 14:1-5)
 - b. God was with Asa early in his reign and gave him a great victory (<u>2 Chr.</u> <u>14:9-15</u>)
 - i. Azariah the prophet reminded Asa that God would be with him as long as he was with God (2 Chr. 15:1-2)
 - c. Later in his reign, Asa relied on the king of Syria instead of God (<u>2 Chr.</u> <u>16:1-6</u>)

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- i. Hanani the seer (cf. <u>1 Sam. 9:9</u>) reminded Asa of God's ever-presence (<u>2</u> <u>Chr. 16:7-9</u>)
- d. Asa's response was shameful (2 Chr. 16:10)
 - i. Three years later, he became diseased in his feet (2 Chr. 16:12)
 - ii. He died two years later (2 Chr. 16:13)
- e. "He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: He hideth his face; he will never see it." (Ps. 10:11)

2. David

- a. Described as a man after God's own heart (Acts 13:22; cf. 1 Sam. 13:14)
 - i. He committed heinous sins, such as adultery and murder, but he repented and sought God's forgiveness (cf. <u>2 Sam. 11</u>; <u>Ps. 51</u>)
- b. David described God's ever-presence with beautiful language (Ps. 139:7-12)
- c. David's response was one of praise (Ps. 139:13-18)
- d. "The Lord *is* in his holy temple, The Lord's throne *is* in heaven: His eyes behold, His eyelids try, the children of men." (Ps. 11:4)

Conclusion

- 1. God is ever-present
 - a. Let us use that knowledge to get rid of and guard ourselves against sin
 - i. We are not hiding anything from God (Ecc. 12:14)
 - b. Let us use that knowledge to gain strength and boldness in the faith
 - i. We are not alone (2 Tim. 4:16-18; Heb. 13:5-6)
- 2. How will I respond to God's ever-presence today?