

New Life

# Geography



“Many students and teachers associate geography only with the study of map skills.”

George Elliot's Old Grandfather  
Rode A Pig Home Yesterday

The word geography literally means “earth writing”.

Geography is the study of the Earth's physical features and environment including the impact of human activity on these factors and the impact of these factors on humanity.

# Geography

The Place

The People

The Phenomenon

## **Place:**

an area, position, or portion of space  
that somebody can occupy

**Person:** a human being

## **Phenomenon:**

an occurrence that can be observed

3237 people mentioned in  
the Bible

1,172 biblical places



- On the road
- On the cross
- In the tomb
- At the well
- At the temple
- In the synagogue
- Along the way
- The sheep pasture
- The boat
- Lion's den
- Upper room
- Storm
- Battle
- Road to Damascus
- Valley
- Vineyard
- Before the Sanhedrin
- On the chariot

# On the mountain

Matthew 17

Vs 1-2

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.

## Vs 3-4

Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters-- one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

# In the hog pen

Luke 15

Vs 14-15

After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs.

## Vs 16

He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

## Vs 17-18

"When he came to his senses, he said,  
'How many of my father's hired men  
have food to spare, and here I am  
starving to death! I will set out and go  
back to my father and say to him:  
Father, I have sinned against heaven  
and against you.

Do you think God is still in the  
business of meeting a person or  
people in a place to create a  
phenomenon?

# Are there still:

- Wells
- Storms
- Mountain tops
- Roads to Damascus
- Lion's dens
- Upper rooms
- Battle fields
- Valleys
- Vineyards
- Sheep pasture



Is there still a God who chooses  
that precise Place to meet that  
particular Person to create that  
powerful Phenomenon?

# Psalm 139

## Vs 1-5

O LORD, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD. You hem me in-- behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me.

**#1**

**God is in your place**

Vs 6

Such knowledge is too  
wonderful for me, too lofty for  
me to attain.

As I come into Your presence  
Past the gates of praise  
Into Your sanctuary  
Til we're standing face to face  
I look upon Your countenance  
I see the glory of Your Holy face  
I can only bow down and say...

You are awesome in this place, Mighty God  
You are awesome in this place, Abba Father  
You are worthy of all praise  
To You our hands we raise  
You are awesome in this place, Mighty God

## Vs 7-10

Where can I go from your Spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

**#2**

**God will touch you in  
any place**

## Vs 11-12

If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.



**#3**

**Your place cannot hide  
you from God**

## Vs 13-16

For you created my inmost being;  
you knit me together in my mother's  
womb. I praise you because I am  
fearfully and wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful, I know  
that full well.

Vs 13-16 *continued*

My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place.

When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

**#4**

**You have been created  
for a place**

## Vs 17-18

How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with you.

**#5**

**God is active in your  
place**

## Vs 19-22

If only you would slay the wicked, O God! Away from me, you bloodthirsty men! They speak of you with evil intent; your adversaries misuse your name. Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD, and abhor those who rise up against you? I have nothing but hatred for them; I count them my enemies.

**#6**

**The enemy will work  
to ruin your place**



## Vs 23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

**#7**

**Every step is a new  
place**