"Him with Whom We Have to do"

Heb. 4:13

Introduction:

- A. God is "him with whom we have to do."
 - 1. May choose or prefer not to "have to do" with Him but still must. (Cf. Rom. 1:28, 32)
 - 2. We "have to do" with Him because of who He is.
- B. We need to think about three outstanding characteristics of "him with whom we have to do."
 - 1. Helps us understand why it is with him we have to do.
 - 2. Helps us understand the greatness of him with whom we have to do.

Discussion:

II. He is Omnipotent

- A. His creative power (Acts 17:24)
 - 1. "He said... and it was so" (Gen. 1:6,7; 9,11,15,24,30)
 - 2. Creation of man (Psa. 139:14; Gen. 2:7, 22).
- B. His sustaining power (Acts 17:28; 2 Pet. 3:7).
- C. His saving power (Heb. 7:25; Rom. 1:16; 1 Cor. 1:18).
- D. His destructive power (Jas. 4:12; 2 Pet. 3:5,6; Matt. 10:28)

III. He is Omnipresent

- A. Always near (Acts 17:24).
- B. Hears and sees all (Heb. 4:12,13).
- C. No escaping his presence (Psa. 139:7-12; Jonah)

IV. He is Omniscient

- A. He knows us (Psa. 139:1-6; John 2:25).
- B. He knows how to save us (1 Cor. 1:18-31).
- C. He knows when Jesus will return (Matt. 24:36).
- D. He knows all things (1 John 3:20).
 - 1. Does not mean unlimited foreknowledge (cf. Gen. 22:12; John 16:30; Mt. 24:36)
 - 2. No more than omnipotency unlimited. (Cf. Tit. 1:2; Heb. 6:18).
 - 3. Implies he does and knows whatever is in harmony with attributes and purposes.

Conclusion:

- A. This the one in whom we trust and upon whom we lean.
- B. This is the one to whom we give account.
- C. This is the one loved us and offers us salvation in Christ.