

He Was There All the Time.

When we pray to God, or when we just talk to ourselves, we are communicating with God the Father. God hears even the smallest prayer. He is that close to us. God dwells in the hearts of his children. By the way, as in the Lord's Prayer, our Father also dwells in heaven. The interesting thing is that so do we. We are spiritual beings viewing the physical world through the eyes of our physical bodies. In reality, our true inner selves, which Paul refers to as the "*mind*" (as opposed to our fleshly body), we are spiritual beings (See Rom. 7). Yes, God resides in Heaven and so do we. In God we "*live and move and have our being.*" Those words were spoken to the Pagan Athenians by the Apostle Paul. We are all God's offspring, intimately and forever connected with our Heavenly Father. As sinners in our fleshly bodies, we have lost our way and lost touch with this reality. We are all like sheep who have gone astray. Jesus promised that after He rose from the dead He would draw us all back to Him. The truth is that we have been in His presence all along, but just didn't know it. So, as a practical matter, we might as well have not been in His presence. Christian salvation is a process of reconnecting with God who was there all the time. I love the Christian gospel song, "*He was there all the time.*"