

The Attributes of God: Week 2, Omniscience

When we say that God is Omniscient, we mean that:

-**He knows everything**: everything possible, everything actual; all events and all creatures, of the past, the present and the future.

-Nothing escapes his notice, nothing can be hidden from him & nothing is forgotten by him. **His knowledge is perfect**. He never errs, never changes & never overlooks anything.

-God knows all that can be known or ever will be known, perfectly and instantly. He possesses perfect knowledge and therefore has no need to learn.

Knowing everything, perfectly and infinitely is at the core of what makes God, God.

Who is able to advise the Spirit of the LORD? Who knows enough to give him advice or teach him? Has the LORD ever needed anyone's advice? Does he need instruction about what is good? Did someone teach him what is right or show him the path of justice? No!
(Isaiah 40:13-15a)

God perfectly knows all that can be known. And this He knows instantly and with a fullness of perfection that includes every possible item of knowledge concerning everything that exists or could have existed anywhere in the universe at any time in the past or that may exist in the centuries or ages yet unborn. **AW Tozer**

God knows **instantly** and **effortlessly** all matter and all matters. God knows instantly and effortlessly all mind and every mind, all spirit and all spirits, all beings and every being, all creatures and every creature, all law and every law, all relations...all causes, all thoughts, all mysteries, all feeling, all desires, every unuttered secret, all thrones and powers, all personalities, all things visible and invisible in heaven and in earth, motion, space, time, life, death, good, evil, heaven, and hell.

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What does the Bible say about God's omniscience?

Read: Psalm 147:4-5, Psalm 139:2-4, Matt 10:29-30, Hebrews 4:13

Personal Notes:

Basic Implications:

God knows everything...(and he does)...then;

- He never discovers anything.
- He is never surprised, never caught off guard.
- He always knows what I am thinking.
- He knows everything I have done, and will do.
- There is no reason to try to hide anything from him.
- He knows everything about every problem and every solution.

The omniscience of God is a **very** _____ **thing**:

Because it means he knows all my sinful thoughts, desires and actions; past, present and future etc.

-The omniscience of God tells us that **there is One who knows every single thing that I have thought, desired and done (wrong)** and **they will all be laid bare on his flawless scales** of perfect & holy justice.

The omniscience of God is a **very** _____ **thing**: Because it means he knows all the sacrifices we have made in obedience to him, no matter how small.

-The omniscience of God tells us that **there is One who knows every single thing that I have thought, desired and done (right)** for his glory and his name and **he will repay/reward every last deed** no matter how small.

The omniscience of God is a **very** _____ **thing**:

Because it means he knows all the solutions to all my problems, all the answers to all my questions etc.

-The omniscience of God tells us that **there is One who knows every solution to every situation that I will ever be up against!** I can trust him to **get me out** of it or **get me through** it...whichever is more for my good and his glory in my life.

The omniscience of God is a **very** _____ **thing**: Because it means he is never 'caught off guard' or 'doesn't know what to do'...when the world appears out of control.

-The omniscience of God tells us that **there is One who knows every world event centuries before it happens** and **nothing is out of his control, beyond his power or outside the realm of his purpose.**

Personal Notes: