**The Attributes of God: Week 3, OMNISCIENT & SOVEREIGN**

**When we say that God is omniscient we mean:**

1. He knows ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*:** everything possible/actual; all events and all creatures, of the past, the present & the future. (Heb 4:13)
2. Nothing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ His notice. Nothing can be hidden from him, nothing is forgotten by him. (Ps 139:2-4)
3. His knowledge is perfect.He never ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** and never overlooks anything. (Matt 10:29-30)
4. God knows all that can be known or ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** will be known, perfectly and instantly. Everything that ever will be known, or ever could be known, is only knowable, because God already knows it. (Ps 147:4-5)
5. God has not learned and will never learn anything new or something that he did not already know, perfectly & instantly. (Isa 30:14-15a)
6. God knows all things ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***. He knows no thing better than any other thing, but all things equally, fully and perfectly.
7. God is solitary in his omniscience. No other being, or the sum total of all beings, ever in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, could ever know what God knows.

**When we say that God is sovereign we mean:**

1. He possesses complete and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ universal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Is 46:9-11 & 14:24)
2. He is utterly free to do whatever he wants, whenever he wants & however he wants to do it: No one and nothing can ultimately hinder him or stop him. (Dan 4:35, Job 42:2)
   1. God is not restricted or restrained in any way from doing what he wants, with whoever or whatever he wants, whenever he wants. He is the creator, the sustainer and the final authority.
   2. The only instances where God could be said to be restricted is if God himself has constrained himself either by his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. God is in full control of all things, all people, all events and all outcomes. Whether by causation or counteraction, God is in ultimate control. (Col 1:16-17, Jam 4:13-15)
4. God can and will see to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of his will…or that is; everything will ultimately be fulfilled to end to which he desires.

(Ps 135:6, 115:35, Eph 1:9-11)

**How should God’s omniscience & sovereignty impact our lives?**

1. If God knows everything then he knows everything I have ever thought, ever done or ever wanted to do & there is no reason to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. If God knows everything then he knows the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to every problem, every \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that I will ever find myself in and I need to go to him.
3. If God knows everything \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, if his knowledge is a wise and loving knowledge…then it would be to my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to gladly submit to his instruction regarding all things.
4. We will never know a nano-fraction of what God knows…but we should seek to know what we can know in light of what God knows.
5. Our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Christian pendulum, regarding God’s sovereignty may need to swing back into the middle. Our lives & our doctrine could probably benefit from a bit more God-centeredness. (God is probably more in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than we have been giving him \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for.)
6. We must find \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the fact that nothing that comes to us is outside of the sovereign purpose of God to use it for the good of those who love him.
7. We must regularly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ how much control we really have…it can be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to fall into a cultural lull…feeling quite confident in our ‘personal powers’.
8. When calamity strikes or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and detours are in our way… we must prayerfully attempt to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ what God is up to in the midst of this ‘set-back’.
9. There are many things that have been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to us by God; our birth, the number of our days, our death, many of our abilities etc. We must seek to be content with the appointments that God has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to us at this moment.
10. We must come to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that it is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be in the sovereign hands of an all wise, all loving God… than to be in the hands of finite, fallen human beings.