

Our Omniscient God

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General - Characteristics of God

Examples of Characteristics (Attributes) of God

Omniscient	Eternal	Loving	Gracious	Merciful
Omnipotent	Faithful	Infinite	Immutable	Sovereign
Omnipresent	Good	Wise	Trinity	Holy

Why study characteristics of God?

- **Salvation** (Eternal Life = Knowing God)
 - John 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.
- **To glorify God** (resulting in praise and worship to God, our Savior)
- **Because God wants us to know Him better**
 - Hosea 6:6 For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, And the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.
- **But realizing that knowing God fully is impossible (inexhaustible)**
 - Romans 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!
- **Knowing God better helps us to live appropriately (pleasing God)** since He wants us to be like Him – Therefore this can also be practical teaching!

What Does It Mean that God is Omniscient?

- Omniscience is defined as “the state of having total knowledge, the quality of knowing everything.”
 - God knows everything
 - I John 3:20 For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

Introduction – God’s Omniscience

- How well do you or can you know someone?
 - Do you know the President (or any other important person)?
 - How well do you know your mother, father, spouse, etc.?
- How well does God know you?
 - He is so intimate with you that He knows you better than ourselves.
- We all yearn for intimacy (someone to know and be known by them)
 - God knows us fully! We should want to know Him fully by reading His Word and being in communion with Him (prayer) at all times.

Bible Verses Showing God's Omniscience

- Psalm 147:4-5 ⁴ He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name. ⁵ Great *is* our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding *is* infinite.
- Gen 45:5 But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.
- Gen 50:20 But as for you, you meant evil against me; *but* God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as *it is* this day, to save many people alive.
- Matthew 10:30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.
- Proverbs 15:3 The eyes of the LORD *are* in every place, Keeping watch on the evil and the good.
- I Chronicles 28:9b ...for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever.
- 1Peter 1:20 He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you
- Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.
- Hebrews 4:13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account.

Psalm 139:1-6

- For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.
- 1 O LORD, You have searched me and known *me*.
- 2 You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off.
- 3 You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways.
- 4 For *there is* not a word on my tongue, *But* behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.
- 5 You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me.
- 6 *Such* knowledge *is* too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot *attain* it.

God's Omniscience

1. God's knowledge is intuitive (not learned)
2. God's knowledge is infallible (without error)
3. God's knowledge is infinite (not partial)
4. God's knowledge is independent
5. God's knowledge is simultaneous from a time standpoint
6. God's knowledge is exhaustive (He knows ALL - past, present, and future)

God's Omniscience – How it should effect us

1. God's omniscience should effect our worship and adoration of Him.
2. God's omniscience should have an impact on our humility.
3. God's knowledge of the secrets of our hearts should have a profound influence on our personal and practical holiness.
4. What is even more glorious is that this doctrine which makes us fearful of sin is also the foundation of comfort and assurance. If God is omniscient, then he knows the worst about us, but loves us notwithstanding!
 - I John 3:19-20 ¹⁹And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. ²⁰For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

Conclusions – God’s Omniscience

- God’s divine plan was set in place in eternity (the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus were not by happenstance). He foreordained and “knew”
 - This provided us a way to have a personal relationship with Him (knowing Him).
 - We enter into that relationship by confessing our sins and asking Him to come into our lives.
 - I John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- He has known us from eternity, even before creation.
 - He even foresaw our sin in all its ugliness and depravity, yet, in love, He set his seal upon us and drew us to that love in Jesus Christ
 - Ephesians 1:3-6 ³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, ⁵ having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.
- In eternity, we will see Him face to face, but our knowledge of Him will never be complete.
 - Our wonder, love and praise of Him shall go on for eternity as we “bask” in the rays of His heavenly love, learning and appreciating more and more of our omniscient God.
- There is nothing too hard for an omniscient God
 - It is on the basis of our faith in such a God that we can rest secure in Him, knowing that He promises never to fail us as long as we continue in Him.