



The unfolding of your words gives light.

Fully Aware

The Omniscience of God

How has limited knowledge affected you recently?

- You needed more information.
- You relied on sources outside yourself to give you that information.
- You suffered because you did not know something.
- You experienced brain freeze, forgetting something you should have known.
- You realized you were wrong about an idea.
- You had a choice to make and could not decide.

The Bible reveals God as the One with all knowledge. Here is a good definition:

God fully knows Himself and all things actual and possible in one simple and eternal act. –Wayne Grudem

We call this knowledge of God His “omniscience.” Here is what this means:

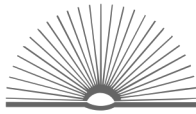
- God has complete knowledge of everything that is knowable, including future events. This is how He accurately predicted so many events through His prophets.
- God has never learned anything. He never has “Aha!” moments. Certainly the Lord Jesus limited the use of His omniscience at times during His earthly ministry. As a true man He grew in wisdom and knowledge, but as God He never lost His omniscience. This is why He often foretold events and read thoughts. God never asks questions to gain information, but He does ask questions. He asked Adam where He was (Genesis 3:9). The Lord Jesus asked His disciples about the way most people identified Him (Matthew 16:13). He asked the Emmaus disciples what had been going on in Jerusalem (Luke 24:19). In each of these instances the responses, rather than enlightening the omniscient God, instructed the men who gave them.
- God even knows what “might have been.” He not only knows what *will* happen, His perfect knowledge enables Him to know every possible contingency. While David was running from King Saul he inquired of the Lord and learned that the people of Keilah where he was hiding would turn him over to Saul if he did not leave. So he left and it never happened (1 Samuel 23:11-13). Jesus said that the wicked people of Sodom and Tyre and Sidon would have repented if they have seen the miracles performed in certain parts of Israel (Matthew 11:21-23). God’s prophet Elisha told Joash what would have happened to the Israel’s enemies in Aram if he had struck the ground five or six times with his handful of arrows rather than three (2 Kings 13:19).

Biblical statements that reveal the omniscience of God:

As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a whole heart and a willing mind; for the Lord searches all hearts, and understands every intent of the thoughts. 1 Chronicles 28:9a

For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His. 2 Chronicles 16:9

I have made a covenant with my eyes; How then could I gaze at a virgin? And what is the portion of God from above or the heritage of the Almighty from on high? Is it not calamity to the unjust and disaster to those who work iniquity? Does He not see my ways and number all my steps? Job 31:1-4



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O LORD, You have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar. You scrutinize my path and my lying down, And are intimately acquainted with all my ways. Even before there is a word on my tongue, Behold, O LORD, You know it all. You have enclosed me behind and before, and laid Your hand upon me. *Such* knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is too high, I cannot attain to it. Psalm 139:1-6

The eyes of the LORD are in every place, watching the evil and the good. Proverbs 15:3

Sheol and Abaddon lie open before the LORD, How much more the hearts of men! Proverbs 15:11

Why do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and the justice due me escapes the notice of my God"? Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable. Isaiah 40:27-28

The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; Who can understand it? I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give to each man according to his ways, according to the results of his deeds. Jeremiah 17:9-10

Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Matthew 10:29-30

When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered and said, "Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but I will do as You say *and* let down the nets." When they had done this, they enclosed a great quantity of fish, and their nets *began* to break; so they signaled to their partners in the other boat for them to come and help them. And they came and filled both of the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw *that*, he fell down at Jesus' feet, saying, "Go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man!" Luke 5:4-8

Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself and walk wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will gird you, and bring you where you do not wish to go." Now this He said, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He *said* to him, "Follow Me!" John 21:18-19

And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do. Hebrews 4:13

We will know by this that we are of the truth, and will assure our heart before Him in whatever our heart condemns us; for God is greater than our heart and knows all things. 1 John 3:19-20

And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: "The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze, says this: 'I know your deeds, and your love and faith and service and perseverance, and that your deeds of late are greater than at first.'" Revelation 2:18-19

The omniscience of God cannot help but take you to the cross. His complete understanding uncovers all the worst things in you that show your great need of redemption. Understanding your infinite crimes, He understood and was satisfied by the infinite cost of sacrificing His sinless Son.

The omniscience of God makes a difference in your life. Why?

1. He already knows exactly what you are going through. In fact He knows it intimately. God come in human flesh, Jesus knows physical and spiritual trials. This truth comforts the tempted and suffering.
2. He already knows what you did. You should confess your sins rather than cover them. This truth confronts the sinner.
3. He already knows every bit of information you will ever need to live a happy and holy life. Where are you going to search for that life? This truth engages the curious.

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