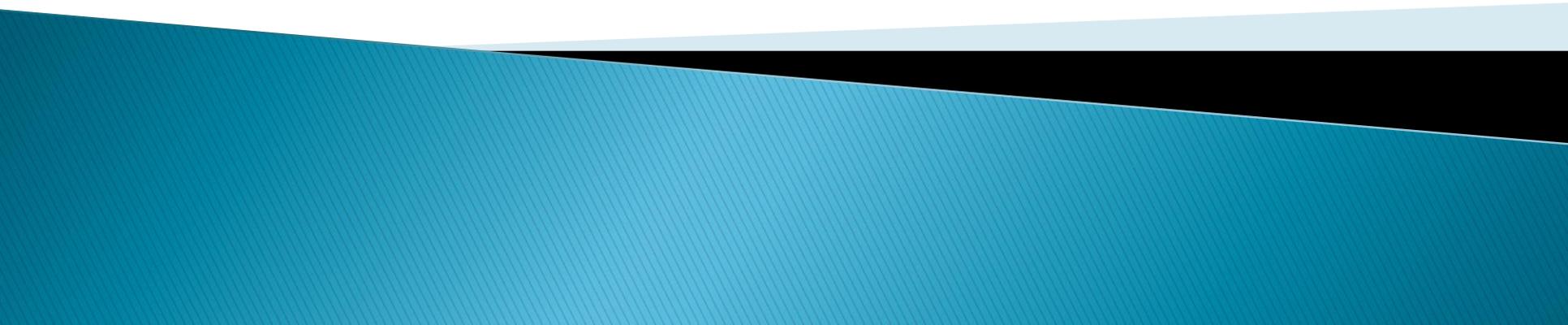


Welcome to

Who is God
and Why Does that Matter to Us?

The Omniscient God



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What does it mean to be omniscient?

- ▶ God knows everything
 - ▶ He knows all of the actual
 - ▶ He knows all of the possible
 - ▶ He does not learn
 - ▶ He does not forget
 - ▶ He commits no errors
 - ▶ He makes no mistakes
 - ▶ He knows all thoughts, intentions, and desires
 - ▶ He knows all mysteries and secrets
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- ▶ Of all of God's infinite knowledge He has chosen to reveal only a tiny sliver of it. So if God revealed something then it is of such vast importance that we should study and learn as much as we can.
 - ▶ Proverbs 25:2
 - ▶ “It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.”
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The Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the only way to salvation

Acts 4:12

"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."

Confidence in how we were created

Psalm 139:13–15

For You formed my inward parts;
You wove me in my mother's womb.
I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and
wonderfully made;
Wonderful are Your works,
And my soul knows it very well.
My frame was not hidden from You,
When I was made in secret,
And skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth;



“Wonderful are Your works.”

We are God’s works.

We are, to the minutest detail, the marvelous handiwork of a loving God. God created each one of us specially and in such a way that we can give Him the most glory.



Fear of sinning

Psalm 139:1–6

¹O LORD, You have searched me and known me.

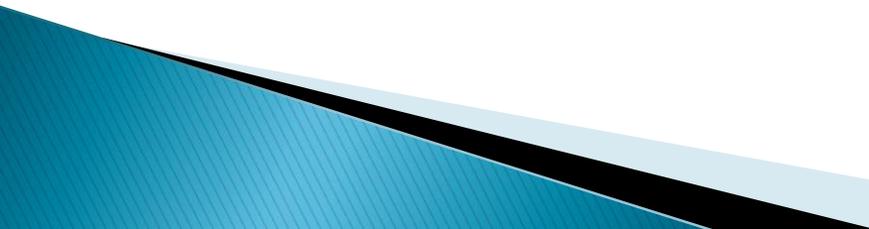
²You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
You understand my thought from afar.

³You scrutinize my path and my lying down,
And are intimately acquainted with all my ways.

⁴Even before there is a word on my tongue,
Behold, O LORD, You know it all.

⁵You have enclosed me behind and before,
And laid Your hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
It is too high, I cannot attain to it.





Proverbs 5:21

For the ways of a man are before the eyes of the LORD, And He watches all his paths.

Job 34:21–22

²¹For His eyes are upon the ways of a man,
And He sees all his steps.

²²There is no darkness or deep shadow
Where the workers of iniquity may hide
themselves.

God understands and can heal

Psalm 103:14

For He Himself knows our frame;

He is mindful that we are but dust.

Because God knows all things

- ▶ Whatever hurts can be healed
- ▶ Whoever is grieving can be encouraged
- ▶ Whoever is weak can be strengthened

Matthew 10:30

But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.



What is sin as defined by God's omniscience?

When we sin we are saying that we know better than God, that our understanding of what makes us happy is superior to God's understanding.

Sin is temporary spiritual insanity because we are not, at that moment, correctly perceiving spiritual reality; we are denying God's revealed truth.



God's omniscience affects the quality of our eternity

For the saved our good works will be rewarded in Heaven.

Hebrews 6:10

For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints.

For the unsaved it will determine their torment.

Revelation 20:11–13

¹¹Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.

¹²And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.

¹³And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds.



What does God's omniscience mean to us?

He has wonderful plans for our lives even before we are born

2 Corinthians 2:14 proclaims,

“But thanks be to God, who always leads us in His triumph in Christ.”

We can pray anytime and anywhere

God's way is always the best possible way

He can heal us deeply and completely.

Psalm 147:3

He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

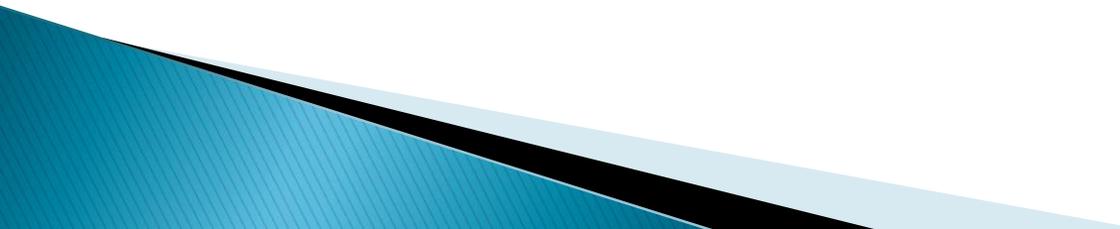


Discussion Questions

- 1) In addition to the ones discussed above, what are some other assurances that God's omniscience means to us?
 - 2) If God knows everything then why does He ask people questions in the Bible? Examples are God asking Adam, "Where are you?" (Genesis 3:9), God asking Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" (Genesis 4:9), and Jesus asking the blind man, "What do you want me to do for you?" (Mark 10:51).
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3) If God knows everything then why does He test people? Examples are Abraham and Isaac (Genesis 22), Israel in the wilderness (Deuteronomy 8:2, 16), and Hezekiah (2 Chronicles 32:31).

4) If God truly knows the future then why does not He tell us more about it such as when we will marry or what disaster or victory is imminent.



5) God is omniscient. Jesus is God. Then how could Jesus increase in wisdom (Luke 2:40, “And the Child [Jesus] continued to grow and become strong, increasing in wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.”)?

6) If God knows everything then He must have seen ahead of time that sin was going to come into the world. So then why did not He do something to stop it?



7) Does the Devil know our thoughts? Why or why not?

8) How can God know the future when it has not occurred yet?

Situation

Sam had an older brother that he greatly looked up to and who took Sam under his wing. When his brother was 12 years old and Sam was 8 his brother was hit by a car and killed. When Sam was in college he became a born-again Christian but he has always been filled with caution and mistrust towards God. One day you and Sam are sitting together and he looks at you and asks, “If God knows everything and is all powerful then why didn't He stop that car from hitting my brother?” How would you answer Sam and how could you use God’s omniscience in your answer?

