

God's Omniscience

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Introduction

How can a finite mind comprehend an infinite Being? How can one who does not know all about himself comprehend the One who knows everything? The Psalmist was correct in saying, "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is too high, I cannot attain to it" (Psalms 139:6). While acknowledging our inability to fully fathom the nature of God, we can gain a better appreciation of our heavenly Father through a study of the Scriptures.

Jehovah God has three ultimate qualities: God is Omniscient, i.e., He has infinite knowledge (Psalms 139:1-6, 11-12). God is Omnipresent, i.e., He is present in all places at the same time (Psalms 139:7-10). God is Omnipotent, i.e., He is all-powerful (Psalm 139:13-18). In this lesson, let us focus upon God's Omniscience. The knowledge of God extends to all divisions of time – past, present and future.

Knowledge Of The Past

Mere men are forgetful, but God accurately declares the former events, making things known from long ago (Isaiah 41:21-23; 43:9-10). Biblical writers described past events that they had not personally seen (Genesis 1-2; Psalms 33:6-9). The apostles accurately recorded the words and deeds of Christ (John 14:25-26; 16:12-13).

Knowledge Of The Present

Men are limited by time and space, but God has a full knowledge of all that occurs in the present (Jeremiah 23:23-24; Hebrews 4:12-13). He knows the thoughts of man's heart (1 Samuel 2:2-3; Acts 1:24-26).

Knowledge Of The Future

God also has knowledge of the future, declaring the end from the beginning (Isaiah 46:8-11). Daniel predicted the successive world empires of Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome (Daniel 2:37-45). Hundreds of Messianic prophecies were fulfilled in Christ (Isaiah 9:6-7; Micah 5:2). Indeed, we have the more sure word of prophecy; Biblical prophecy evidences divine foreknowledge (2 Peter 1:19-21).

Conclusion

Judgment awaits (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; 2 Corinthians 5:10-11). Divine omniscience provides reason to fear, invalidating all pretense and hypocrisy (Matthew 23:13-14; Luke 12:1-3). Divine omniscience also provides reason to hope, eliminating doubt and despair (2 Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 6:10-12).