

The Attributes of God ~ His Omniscience

Intro: God knows all things, actual and possible, at once.

Psalm 139:

- 1 For the choir director. A Psalm of David.
O LORD, You have searched me and known me.
2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
You understand my thought from afar.
3 You scrutinize my path and my lying down,
And are intimately acquainted with all my ways.
4 Even before there is a word on my tongue,
Behold, O LORD, You know it all.

1 Samuel 16:7

But the LORD said to Samuel,
"Do not look at his appearance
or at the height of his stature,
because I have rejected him;
for God sees not as man sees,
for man looks at the outward appearance,
but the LORD looks at the heart."

Observation:

- Carefully read and reread the text.
- Note all persons, nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions & articles.
- Ask: Who? What? When? Where? How? & Why? Find answers in the text, *only!*
- Note and mark key words and ideas, as well as their relationships with one another.

Note and mark

- What God knows or understands. Psalm 139:1-4
- What God is intimately acquainted with. Psalm 139:3
- Where the LORD looks. 1 Samuel 16:7

Interpretation:

Psalm 139 Describe the extent of God's knowledge. _____

How might David have come to this realization of God? _____

1 Samuel 16:7 What does 'the LORD looks at the heart' mean? _____

What is the significance of this? _____

Note:

David is aware of the full knowledge of God from his dealings with Nathan the prophet. It was Nathan who pointed God's finger at David when he sinned with Bathsheba announcing, 'You are the man!'

(2 Samuel 12:1-7)

Truly, David was able to say of God, 'You are 'intimately acquainted with all my ways'.

Note:

God knows what is in our hearts. The heart contains our reflections, inclinations, emotions and passions. We may be able to hide these private activities from the prying eyes of men, but they are laid bare to the penetrating gaze of God. He alone knows who we really are, even better than we do ourselves!

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Job 37:16

"Do you know about the layers of the thick clouds,
The wonders of one perfect in knowledge,

Isaiah 46:10 a

Declaring the end from the beginning,
And from ancient times
things which have not been done,

Matthew 11:21

"Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida!
For if the miracles had occurred in Tyre and Sidon
which occurred in you,
they would have repented long ago
in sackcloth and ashes.

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- What God is 'in knowledge'. Job 37:16
- What God declares. Isaiah 46:10
- What Tyre and Sidon would have done. Matthew 11:21

Interpretation:

Job 37:16 What does it mean to be 'perfect in knowledge'? _____

Isaiah 46:10a What is this verse saying about God? _____

What is the significance of this? _____

Matthew 11:21 What is Jesus saying about Chorazin and Bethsaida? _____

What does this indicate about what He knows? _____

Note:

God's knowledge is complete, unblemished and without error. Such is the perfection of His understanding. Being such, He needs neither counsel nor enlightenment.

Note:

The knowledge of the Eternal God is eternal. He is fully acquainted with every detail of every thing from the very beginning to the very end, and this all at once.

Having such knowledge, He is able to declare what has not been done yet to the very end of time, and perceive things not as they are, but as they will be.

Note:

The knowledge of God includes not only what is but what might have been. It is beyond our comprehension to fathom that God knows all that is, but completely mind numbing that God knows all that could be as well!

Application Principles: In light of what you have learned, what **Truths** or **Principles** are taught in these texts about *God's Omniscience*?

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Write out a verse from above that you would like to memorize and/or meditate upon:

Application Practicals: In light of these Truths & Principles, what will you **do** to apply them to your life **today**?

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From what you learned, how is God different from His creation and/or creatures?

Final Note:

The Omniscience of God includes every detail of every thing actual and possible. Nothing escapes His Omnipresent gaze in all of heaven and earth, both that which is visible and invisible in the physical or spiritual realms. Being such in perfection, there is nothing God can learn or gain from any thing or any one, nor any thing which can be hidden from Him.

*God is Omniscient
He knows all things at once!*