

God is Omniscient

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Selected Scripture

What is meant by Omniscient? Simply, God knows everything there is to know. He has nothing to learn. Nothing new ever enters the mind of God. He never looks down the tunnel of time to discover anything about the future He did not already know.

God has no need to watch the news. He is never caught off-guard. God knows every answer to every question, including the number of hairs on your head! He knows the outcome before it occurs. God is never surprised!

Paul makes it clear that no one possesses the knowledge that God has, “**Romans 11:33–34 (ESV)** — **33** *Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!* **34** *“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?”*”

Though God is out of sight, we are not out of His sight. -Matthew Henry

I. God is All-Knowing

- A. Confessions in Scripture to the extent of God’s knowledge
 1. Hannah - **1 Samuel 2:3**, *...for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.*
 2. Job asks - **Job 21:22**, *Will any teach God knowledge...*
 3. Elihu says God is - **Job 36:4**, *...one who is perfect in knowledge is with you.*
 4. And again Elihu maintains - **Job 37:16**, *Do you know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of him who is perfect in knowledge.*
- B. The testimony of God’s comprehensive knowledge
 1. **Isaiah 40:14**, *Whom did he consult, and who made him understand? Who taught him the path of justice, and taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?*
 2. **1 John 3:20**, *he knows everything.*

II. God is Self-Knowing

- A. A commentator writes, “*The omniscience of God begins with the perfect knowledge that He possesses of His own infinite self. He completely comprehends the full extent of His sovereignty and omnipotence. He understands exactly how and when everything He has decreed in eternity past will come to pass. God has full knowledge of His own love and mercy toward His own people. He grasps the full extent of His righteousness and wrath. God knows Himself perfectly.*”
- B. Each person of the Trinity knows the other persons,
 1. **Matthew 11:27**, *All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.*
 2. **John 10:15**. *Just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.*
 3. **1 Corinthians 2:10**. *These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. And further, 1 Corinthians 2:11, So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.*

III. God is All-Foreknowing

- A. God does not grow in knowledge (He knows past, present, and future).
 1. **Isaiah 46:9–10**, *Remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, **10** declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose.’*
 2. **Psalms 33:11**, *The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.*

IV. God is All-Seeing

- A. The Bible speaks of God “seeing.”
 1. **Genesis 1:4**, *And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness.*
 2. **Genesis 1:10, 21, 25, 31**
- B. Hagar illustrated this truth in the naming of Ishmael.

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1. El Roi – the God who sees.
 2. **Genesis 16:13**, *So she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, “You are a God of seeing,” for she said, “Truly here I have seen him who looks after me.”*
 3. The well of the living one who sees me, **Genesis 16:14**, *Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; it lies between Kadesh and Bered.*
- C. Hanni the Prophet
1. **2 Chronicles 16:9**, *For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him.”*
- D. In the book of Job
1. **Job 11:11**, *For he knows worthless men; when he sees iniquity, will he not consider it?*
 2. **Job 24:23**, *He gives them security, and they are supported, and his eyes are upon their ways.*
 3. **Job 28:24**, *For he looks to the ends of the earth and sees everything under the heavens.*
 4. **Job 31:4**, *Does not he see my ways and number all my steps?*
- E. The Psalms
1. **Psalms 33:13–14**, *The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man; 14 from where he sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth,*
 2. **Psalms 139:16**, *Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.*
 3. **Psalms 139:11–12**, *If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,” 12 even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.*
- F. God misses nothing.
1. **Proverbs 5:21**, *For a man’s ways are before the eyes of the LORD, and he ponders all his paths.*
 2. **Proverbs 15:3**, *The eyes of the LORD are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good.*
 3. **Jeremiah 16:17**, *For my eyes are on all their ways. They are not hidden from me, nor is their iniquity concealed from my eyes.*
 4. **Jeremiah 23:24**, *Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD.*

V. God is All-Perceiving

- A. **1 Samuel 16:7**, *But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.”*
- B. God’s understanding needs no insights, clarification, instruction, or enlightenment.
1. **Isaiah 40:13–14**, (Q1) *Who has measured the Spirit of the Lord, or what man shows him his counsel? 14 (Q2) Whom did he consult, and who made him understand? (Q3) Who taught him the path of justice, and taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?*
 2. Answer: no one! God consults no advisors or cabinet members.

VI. God is All-Scrutinizing

- A. God knows every detail
1. **1 Kings 8:39**, *For you, you only, know the hearts of all the children of mankind*
 2. **Psalms 147:4**, *He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.*
 3. **Matthew 10:29–30**, *Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. 30 But even the hairs of your head are all numbered.*
 4. **Hebrews 4:13**, *And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.*

VII. God is All-Remembering

- A. No promise made by God will slip His memory, **Genesis 9:15**, *I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh.*
- B. Reconciling, God “remembers,” and God “remembers no more” sin (Isa 43:25). He remembers cognitively, but not judicially.

VIII. The Light for our Path

- A. God knows us the best and still loves us the most!