

"The God Who Knows Everything"
Isaiah 40:13-14

INTRO:

Omniscient is one of three Latin phrases used to outline the attributes of our God. He is omnipresent (always present), omnipotent (all powerful), and omniscient (all knowing). What does the term omniscient or all-knowing mean to us in the skinned knees reality of our day to day lives? There are three truths about our all-knowing God we need to understand.

I. The Fact of His Knowing

II. The Fear of His Knowing

III. The Blessing of Being Known

I. The Fact of His Knowing

A. Our Bible declares repeatedly God is all knowing. Isaiah describes how God is all-knowing in his great word painting of God. In **Isaiah 40:13-14**, Isaiah wrote,

"Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, Or as His counselor has taught Him? With whom did He take counsel, and who instructed Him, and taught Him in the path of justice? Who taught Him knowledge, and showed Him the way of understanding?"

The answer to each of these questions is, "no one."

1. No one directed the Spirit of God or instructed Him because God never requires instruction. The living God already knows everything that can be known.

2. God's knowledge is infinite and complete. It does not increase or decrease. We acquire knowledge through study. God never learns anything, because He already knows everything. While we tend to forget things, God never forgets anything. Just as God's knowledge never increases, it also never diminishes. God will never lose knowledge. He will never forget anything.

B. **Psalm 139** amplifies that God knows all about us. David wrote:

"O LORD, You have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O LORD, You know it altogether. You have hedged me behind and before, and laid Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it."

II. The Fear of His Knowing

A. While all of this is very wonderful when we are seeking to do right and our motives are pure, it can also be a very fearful thing. In **Hebrews 4:13** we read,

“And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.”

Our God, who knows all things, knows everything there is to know about us. He knows our weaknesses and He knows our SIN.

B. Now to make things worse, the Bible not only tells us God knows all about our sin, it also tells us that someday we must give an account to Him.

1. (Romans 14:10-12)

“But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written: ‘As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God.’ So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.”

2. For the one who does not know the Lord Jesus as Savior, the way to prepare for that day is to put his or her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ who died on Mt. Calvary for sin.

Except we stand in Him, in the righteousness that is by faith alone, we have no hope.

III. The Blessing of Being Known

A. God's omniscience not only has a fearful part, it also is a source of great blessings to us. Let us finish our study on a high note considering the positive blessings of knowing God and being known of Him.

B. First, because God knows all things, God always knows what we need and what is best for us. In the Sermon on the Mount, the Lord Jesus reminds us of this truth as He teaches us about prayer. **Matthew 6:-8**

“But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.”

1. This fact underlines some very important truths. First of all, this clearly teaches that the major reason for prayer is not simply to get things from God. If God already knows what we need, the purpose of prayer is not to let God know what we need. Prayer is

about fellowship with God. We need to ask for what we need, but remember, God already knows what we need before we ask.

2. Second, it means we don't need to fill God in on the details before He understands our problem. Our Lord knows the situation better we do. Before we ask, He already knows how He will answer.

C. Second, because God knows all things, He also knows what we do to please Him even when no one else sees. The little phrase in the letters to the churches in **Revelation 2** and **3** are very encouraging. Jesus said to these churches, ***"I know your works."*** That phrase is not encouraging when we are doing nothing, or when we are doing what we should not be doing. However, if we are busy about the Lord's work and serving Him with all our hearts, it is encouraging to know that even when no one else knows what we are doing, God knows and blesses us for it. The next time you are faithful when no one else sees or when you do something simply to please God and no one else, take hold of this reality with both hands! God knows and in the language of **Matthew 6** *"your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly."*

D. Finally, It is a blessing that the Lord knows all things, because He knows that we love Him even when our lives do not show it. In John 21, we read about the public restoration of Peter. Now Peter had failed the Lord Jesus greatly in the days prior to this. Now he is confronted with this question. *"Do you really love me, Peter?"* We read his answer in **John 21:17**.

"He said to him the third time, 'Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?' Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, 'Do you love Me?' And he said to Him, 'Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.'"

Peter knew that Jesus knew the answer before He asked the question. Do we love Him? Sometimes our lives don't show that love like we'd like, but our hearts do!