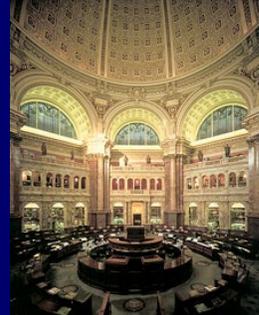


## God Knows



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## Definitions

- *Omni* = all; *scientia* = knowledge
- Reymond: "God knows all things and all true propositions, always has and always will know all things, and cannot learn more or forget anything he knows."
- Berkhof: "that perfection of God whereby He, in an entirely unique manner, knows himself and all things possible and actual in one eternal and most simple act."
- Grudem: "God fully knows himself and all things actual and possible in one simple and eternal act."

## How God Knows

- Instantaneously
- Simultaneously
- Eternally
- Infallibly
- Exhaustively

## What God Knows (General References)

- Job 12:13 - "With Him are wisdom and might; To Him belong counsel and understanding.
- Job 37:16 - "Do you know about the layers of the thick clouds, The wonders of One perfect in knowledge,
- 1 Sam. 2:3 - "Boast no more so very proudly, Do not let arrogance come out of your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, And with Him actions are weighed.
- Is. 40:27-28 - Why do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, And the justice due me escapes the notice of my God"? 28 Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth Does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable.
- 1 John 3:20 - God is greater than our heart and knows all things.

## What God Knows

- Himself
  - 1 Cor. 2:11 - who among men knows the *thoughts* of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the *thoughts* of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.

## What God Knows

- All that actually does exist or has existed
  - Job 28:24 - "He looks to the ends of the earth And sees everything under the heavens.
  - Ps. 139:1-6, 16
  - Ps. 147:4-5 - He counts the number of the stars; He gives names to all of them. 5 Great is our Lord and abundant in strength; His understanding is infinite.
  - Matt. 10:29-30 - "Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. 30 "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.
  - Heb. 4:13 - there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.

## What God Knows

- All things possible
  - 1 Sam. 23:11-13
  - Is. 48:18 - "If only you had paid attention to My commandments! Then your well-being would have been like a river, And your righteousness like the waves of the sea.
  - Jer. 38:17-20
  - Matt. 11:21-23

## What God Knows

- All things future
  - Gen. 15:13-16 - *God* said to Abram, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years. 14 "But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with many possessions. 15 "As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you will be buried at a good old age. 16 "Then in the fourth generation they will return here, for the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete."
  - 2 Kings 8:12-13
  - Is. 44:28—45:13; 46:5-11.
  - Rev. 1:1 - The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place.

## Ramifications

- The mind of God is only accessible through his self-revelation (1 Cor. 1:19-21; 2:12-13).
- Nothing we think, say, or do can be hidden from God (Ps. 90:8; Pr. 15:3; Heb. 4:13; Is. 29:15).

## Ramifications

- Nothing happens to us outside of his perfect knowledge.
  - Gen. 16:6, 13; Ex. 2:23-25; 3:7-9
  - 2 Chron. 16:9 - "the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His."
  - Ps. 33:18-22; 34:15-18
- God's knowledge means certain punishment for his enemies (Ps. 73:11, 15-17).

## Ramifications

- We can find comfort and help in trials and temptation (Job 23:10; Heb. 4:15).
- God is the only accurate Judge of the human heart (Matt. 13:24-30; 1 Cor. 4:1-5).
- God knows the best ends and the best means.

## Ramifications

- God's knowledge of me is the foundation of my security and acceptance (John 21:17).

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"The apprehension of God's infinite knowledge should fill the Christian with adoration. The whole of my life stood open to His view from the beginning. He foresaw my every fall, my every sin, my every backsliding; yet He fixed His heart upon me. Oh, how the realization of this should bow me in wonder and worship before Him!"