

OMNIsience

What is knowledge? It's an acquaintance with facts, truths, or principles. We become acquainted with these facts, truths, or principles by study or experience.

And when you think about all of the knowledge that is in this world...it is a number that you can't even begin to understand. When we think of a lot of money, we think of a million dollars. But have you ever thought about a billion? (1,000 million). Big difference.

The amount of data believed to be in the world is several hundred zettabytes (a number with 21 zeros behind it). A billion has 9 zeros.

Every minute:

- 149, 513 emails
- 3,3 million (undoubtedly extremely insightful) Facebook posts
- 3.8 Google million searches
- 65,972 Instagram photos
- 448,800 Tweets.
- 500 hours of YouTube videos.

Let's just say there is a ridiculous amount of knowledge in this world. Every single person in here knows something (several things) that no one else in this room knows! Much of that is likely personal, things no one knows about YOU.

With that in mind, consider the fact that God knows everything!

Revelation 1:8 (HCSB)

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the One who is, who was, and who is coming, the Almighty."

At the workplace, who do you go to when no one knows the answer? The guy who's "been here forever". God has literally been here forever. He is the beginning and the end. Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. It's like saying He's the A and the Z.

That would include everything in between and everything you could construct with the 26 letters of the alphabet. He knows it ALL.

Worldly knowledge is an acquaintance with facts, truths, or principles by study or experience.

But God IS truth.

John 14:6 (HCSB)

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Today we're starting a new series called OMNI. We're looking at the 3 OMNI's of God. Omniscience, Omnipresence, Omnipotence.

Now you won't find these 3 words in the bible. These are doctrines that we teach. They are words to explain principles, attributes, characteristics of God. It's just like the Trinity, another word we use to describe a complex principle we see over and over in the scriptures.

Omniscience - OMNI means all. Science means knowledge. So if we speak of God's omniscience we are saying He has ALL KNOWLEDGE.

There is no limit with God. He has it all, and He knows it all. Literally. There is not a second that goes by where God is not aware of everything. There is absolutely nothing that He should learn or have to think about. He is never caught off guard or surprised by anything, ever. He just knows. Mind blowing, isn't it?

And isn't it comforting to know that God knows our needs before we even ask? When we ask, He's not hearing anything He doesn't already know...He's not learning anything about you, but maybe you are learning something about yourself!

Where do we get this idea of omniscience from? God's Word! He tells us this Himself!

- The Lord is a God of knowledge - 1 Samuel 2:3
- God is greater than your conscience (self knowledge) and He knows all things. - 1 John 3:20
- Our Lord is great, vast in power; His understanding is infinite - Psalm 147:5
- No creature is hidden from Him, but all things are naked and exposed to the eyes of Him to whom we must give an account. - Hebrews 4:13
- He knows every hair on your head - Matthew 10:30
- He knows your prayers before you ask Him - Matthew 6:8 (COOL)
- He knows what you do in secret - Matthew 6:4 (NOT SO COOL)

Are you getting the picture? Do you believe that God is all knowing?

This only scratches the surface of the scriptures that testify of God's omniscience!

David wrote a psalm that speaks of all 3 OMNI's in pretty good depth. We'll look at this over the next 3 weeks.

Psalm 139:1-6 (HCSB)

Lord, You have searched me and known me.
2 You know when I sit down and when I stand up;
You understand my thoughts from far away.
3 You observe my travels and my rest;
You are aware of all my ways.
4 Before a word is on my tongue,
You know all about it, Lord.
5 You have encircled me;
You have placed Your hand on me.
6 This extraordinary knowledge is beyond me.
It is lofty; I am unable to reach it.

Maybe you are comforted by this, maybe you are terrified by this, either way it's all true!

How many of you have a spouse that can "read your mind". You didn't even say a word and they are like "what was that?" and you start to think "did I say that out loud?"

I've seen tv shows where someone is able to hear the thoughts of everyone around them and it seems really cool at first but then at some point it becomes overwhelming, they can't interact normally because they know things they shouldn't.

It hurts their ability to have authentic relationships because they know the bad in everyone but their "bad" is still hidden. It's why only God, who is only good, can know everything about a person and still have an authentic relationship with them.

Psalm 139:1 (HCSB)

Lord, You have searched me and known me.

See God has already searched you...He's examined you, investigated you and He knows you! He's got the full work up of what makes you, you.

You know we can put on a mask to others. We can pretend to be something we're not. We can pretend to be nicer or happier or more godly. And we may fool people...but God...He knows (like really knows)

This is so important for us to get church. Because He knows, yet He still wants you. Think about that...Have you ever thought that if someone in your life knew you the way you know yourself, that they wouldn't want you?

Jesus knows you and Jesus gave His life for you...because He loves you and wants you!

Psalm 139:2 (HCSB)

You know when I sit down and when I stand up;
You understand my thoughts from far away.

God knows every single move you make. He sees you resting. He sees you working.

He sees you when no one else does. He sees you in secret. Are you ashamed of what He sees?

He sees you in your car on the road...yikes.

He sees you open the door for someone or letting the door close behind you with no regard to others.

He sees you serving your family, whether working in the home or outside the home.

This is why He tells us in Colossians 3:23 that whatever you do, do it for the Lord!

Inventory your life...do you think He's pleased with what He sees?

He also understands your thoughts, this means He considers them, gives attention to them. Uh oh!

Maybe there's something to that verse in 2 Corinthians 10:5 to take every thought captive to obey Christ?

Do you think He's pleased with your thought life?

Psalm 139:3 (HCSB)

You observe my travels and my rest;
You are aware of all my ways.

This is saying God has spread out all the details of your life. It's like he's got everything laid out before Him. Why? To be of use or service to the rest of your life. That's what it means to be aware of all your ways.

What you have done, where you have been, these things have helped to shape who you are. And it's like God has all this info laid out on the table as He's looking at your life to come. How can I use your past to shape your future?

God has a great future for you. If you were an alcoholic in the past, guess what? He's probably going to use that (not against you...but FOR you), to help someone else. To show them what the power of the Holy Spirit can do in someone's life!

See it's GOOD that God is aware of all your ways!

Psalm 139:4 (HCSB)

Before a word is on my tongue,
You know all about it, Lord.

Have you ever said something and then followed it up with “I didn’t mean it”? Here’s the reality...you meant it, you just didn’t mean to SAY it.

In Luke 6:45 it says the mouth speaks from the overflow of the heart... God knew it before you said it...because He knows the heart.

He knows ALL ABOUT IT. So He knows when we let it fly, but He also knows when we have self control and we keep it to ourselves. He knows when we give it over to Him in repentance!

Psalm 139:5 (HCSB)

You have encircled me;
You have placed Your hand on me.

Don’t think God’s omniscience is all about catching you doing bad to punish you. It’s to help you, to guide you, to strengthen you!

He has encircled you...secured you. He tries to help you contain yourself, not for the sake of burying sin but for the sake of helping uproot it.

He placed His hand upon you because He cares about you and wants you to know when to stop, but also wants you to know that He’s near. It’s like He has His hand on your shoulder...He’s with you!

Even with all that He knows about you!

Psalm 139:6 (HCSB)

This extraordinary knowledge is beyond me.
It is lofty; I am unable to reach it.

Isn’t it amazing how much God knows? We really can’t even wrap our minds around it. We can’t get there. We can’t understand it. Even what we’ve learned today...it’s nothing compared to what God knows...we can’t get there no matter how hard we try.

If you read the book of Job, Job has this issue where he’s been attacked by satan and basically everything has been taken from Job. The people in Job’s life are telling him to curse God and die. Job is trying to understand but he can’t and Job basically accuses God like it’s all His fault.

God responds in chapter 38-39.

God challenges Job and his knowledge.

Who is this who obscures My counsel with ignorant words?
Get ready to answer Me like a man; when I question you, you will inform Me.
Where were you when I established the earth?
Tell Me, if you have understanding.

Who fixed its dimensions? Certainly you know!
Who stretched a measuring line across it? What supports its foundations?
Or who laid its cornerstone while the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God
shouted for joy?

Do you know the laws of heaven? Can you impose its authority on earth?

Can you command the clouds so that a flood of water covers you?
Can you send out lightning bolts, and they go? Do they report to you: "Here we are"?

Who put wisdom in the heart or gave the mind understanding?

Does the hawk take flight by your understanding and spread its wings to the south?

What is God's point? His point is what do YOU know? He is God. He is all knowing. He is
Creator. He knows from beginning to end (our beginning and end). There is no one like our God!

Psalm 139:23-24 (HCSB)

Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my concerns.
24 See if there is any offensive way in me;
lead me in the everlasting way.

Would you be so bold to ask this of God? See He already knows...but do YOU? Because He
can show you.

His desire is to reveal it to you by the Holy Spirit, so you and He can deal with it...and lead you
in the way of eternal life. What is eternal life? Knowing Jesus here and now. Drawing near to
Him.

He knows you, do you know Him? Have you ran to the cross?

He knows you, loves you, wants you, died for you. Not just for a trip to heaven but for a life with
Him here today.

What are you in need of? He knows. Will you ask Him today?