



Children lined up in the cafeteria of a Christian elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The teacher placed a note by those apples: "Take only one, God is watching." At the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A boy placed a note by the cookies: "Take all you want, God is watching the apples."

Many theologians, past and present, perhaps the great majority of them, have either made a short affirmative statement that God is all-knowing, or they have treated the doctrine as a "given," something which is so obvious in the Scriptures as to be commonly received.

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#### ❖ THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD IS PERFECT

- God is "Omniscient"– Latin: *omni* = all + *scientia/science* = knowledge
- God knows **ALL** things actual and possible, past, present and future, effortlessly and equally as well.

- 1 John 3:20     God is greater than our heart and knows all things.
- 1 Sam. 2:3     ". . . Do not let arrogance come out of your mouth; For the LORD is a God of knowledge, And with Him actions are weighed.
- Job 21:22     "Can anyone teach God knowledge, In that He judges those on high?
- Job 37:16     Do you know how the clouds hang poised, those wonders of him who is perfect in knowledge? NIV
- Psalms 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.
- Isaiah 48:6     "You have heard; now see all this; and will you not declare it? From this time forth I announce to you new things, hidden things that you have not known.

- Daniel 2:22     "It is He who reveals the profound and hidden things; He knows what is in the darkness, And the light dwells with Him.
- Rom. 11:33-36     Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! 34 For who has known the mind of the lord, or who became his counselor? 35 or who has first given to him that it might be paid back to him again? 36 For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

- God knows all things actual and possible, past, present and future, effortlessly and equally as well.
- God cannot be taught, nor can He **LEARN**. Nothing can surprise God.

#### ❖ THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD IS PURPOSEFUL

Acts 17:26

. . . and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation.

Isaiah 46:10

Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure';

- Linked to His Divine plan:  
The knowledge of God regarding creation, history, and our lives specifically is inseparably linked to His divine **PLAN** for His creation.
  - God knows all about every minute detail of creation because He created it from nothing.
  - God knows every minute detail of history because He planned it.
  - God knows every minute detail of our lives because He created us and ordained the days of our lives.
- In God we have perfect knowledge & wisdom producing a perfect plan to fulfill a perfect **PURPOSE**.
  - In His infinite knowledge and wisdom, God created the perfect world and the perfect plan and order for that world to accomplish His purpose in that creation.

- The revelation of God's infinite knowledge proves He alone is **GOD**.

Isaiah 41:21-23

"Present your case," says the LORD. "Set forth your arguments," says Jacob's King. "Bring in your idols to tell us what is going to happen. Tell us what the former things were, so that we may consider them and know their final outcome. Or declare to us the things to come, tell us what the future holds, so we may know that you are gods.

Isaiah 48:3-6

I foretold the former things long ago, my mouth announced them and I made them known; then suddenly I acted, and they came to pass. 4 For I knew how stubborn you were; the sinews of your neck were iron, your forehead was bronze. 5 Therefore I told you these things long ago; before they happened I announced them to you so that you could not say, 'My idols did them; my wooden image and metal god ordained them.' 6 You have heard these things; look at them all. Will you not admit them? "From now on I will tell you of new things, of hidden things unknown to you.

#### ❖ THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD IS PERSONAL

- God knows specifically all things about our lives actual and possible.

Matthew 10:30 "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

Psalm 139:1-6, 17-18

O LORD, You have searched me and known me. <sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar. <sup>3</sup> You scrutinize my path and my lying down, And are intimately acquainted with all my ways. <sup>4</sup> Even before there is a word on my tongue, Behold, O LORD, You know it all. <sup>5</sup> You have enclosed me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me. <sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is too high, I cannot attain to it.<sup>17</sup> How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them <sup>18</sup> If I should count them, they would outnumber the sand. When I awake, I am still with You.

- God, the all-knowing God of the universe whose knowledge and thoughts are infinitely above His creation, thinks about **ME!**

Psalm 40:5

Many, O LORD my God, are the wonders which You have done, And Your thoughts toward us; There is none to compare with You. If I would declare and speak of them, They would be too numerous to count.

#### ❖ THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD IS PRACTICAL

- The infinite, perfect knowledge of the God of creation is available to us to **GUIDE** us in living our lives to the fullest potential.

Psalm 32:8 (NLT)

The LORD says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.

Isaiah 48:17 (NIV)

This is what the LORD says-- your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.

- God provides His perfect knowledge through His **WORD** to guide our daily living.

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness . . .

- The knowledge of God, revealed in His Word and applied under the guidance of His Spirit provides specific guidance for **DAILY** living.

God knows all things actual and possible, past, present and future, effortlessly and equally as well.

God's knowledge is Perfect . . . I can find none better.

God's knowledge is Purposeful . . . It proves He is God

God's knowledge is Personal . . . He knows me intimately.

God's knowledge is Practical . . . Giving perfect guidance for living.

**❖ CONCLUSION**

- 1) God, our Creator is the one who best knows how we should **LIVE**
- 2) God, our Creator is the one who has a superior plan for our **LIVES**.
- 3) God is the best source for direction in decision **MAKING**.
- 4) No matter how things appear to me, God is right and His Word is **TRUE**.
- 5) Following God's plan will always result in our **GOOD**.
- 6) Everything I believe to be true must be evaluated by the truth of **GOD** revealed in His Word.
- 7) We need to continually ask ourselves, “What does God’s **WORD** have to say about this?”

**PRAYER OF RESPONSE & COMMITMENT**

*Father,*

*Sometimes I really think I have all the answers. I think I know what is right, what is best. Help me to realize that in my humanity, my thinking is finite and often incomplete and inaccurate. Give me a heart to passionately seek to know you and your ways, to think your thoughts. I want you to be Lord of my thoughts, my reasoning. Help me when things don't go the way I think they should to remember that you know better than me. You know what is best for me. I submit myself to you even when I don't understand what you are doing for me. I know I cannot understand your ways which are higher than mine.*