

GOD IS: ALL-KNOWING

Did you hear about the New York man and the pizza? Depressed in the loss of his wife, he went out to eat, only to be given a free pizza, through a pay-it-forward plan at the pizzeria. Opening the lid, he was flabbergasted to see "be strong" artistically lettered there. That's what his wife kept saying before she died. He said that free pizza "turned my life around." Deeply touched, he bought pizza for someone else. No one involved knew his need. Except God. Because, God knows everything.

1- God's knowledge is PERFECT. The God who is everywhere present and can do all things also knows all things. That's the "omniscience" of God. Isaiah 40 asks, "*Who has measured the Spirit of the LORD, or what man shows Him his counsel? Whom did He consult and who made Him understand? Who taught Him the paths of justice, and taught Him knowledge, and showed Him the way of understanding? His understanding is unsearchable.*" It's one of the perfections of God. Psalm 139 says, "*behold O LORD, You know it altogether; how precious to me are Your thoughts, O God, how vast is the sum of them.*" The perfect knowledge of God includes knowledge of Himself. Matthew 11 and John 10, "*no one knows the Son except the Father and knows the Father except the son.*" 1 Cor 2:11 says "*no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.*" God the Father, Son, and Spirit always do all things in perfect accord with their divine unity and nature. We cannot comprehend God, but He knows Himself, and all things, perfectly. All God is and knows is in perfect accord with reality. He never learns anything new. Nothing surprises Him. He never misunderstands. Psalm 147, "*His understanding is beyond measure.*"

2- God's knowledge is ETERNAL. God knows all things, past, present, future. Psalm 139, "*in Your book were written, every one of them, the days formed for me, when as yet there were none of them.*" Isaiah 46, "*to whom will you liken Me? I am God and there is no other, declaring the end from the beginning, from ancient times things not yet done, saying 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all My purpose.'*" God knows it because He has ordained it. "*I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it.*" God exists outside of our time-space continuum, and knows everything in this moment, from eternity past to eternity future. Romans 11, "*O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable His judgments and inscrutable His ways. From Him and through Him and to Him are all things.*" A.W. Tozer says, "God perfectly knows Himself. Being the source and author of all things, it follows that He knows all that can be known. And this He knows instantly, with a fullness of perfection that includes every possible item of knowledge concerning everything that exists or could have existed anywhere in the universe at any time in the past or that may exist in the centuries or ages yet unborn." So you can pray confidently to the one true God, who is all-knowing and is all-powerful.

3- God's knowledge is ALL-INCLUSIVE. Psalm 139, "*even before a word is on my tongue, behold O Lord, You know it altogether.*" Psalm 33, "*Behold the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, who hope in His steadfast love, that He may deliver them.*" Matthew 10, "*Not one sparrow will fall to the ground apart from your Father. Even the hairs on your head are numbered. Fear not, therefore, you are of more value than many sparrows.*" God knows all possible actions, reactions, every variable of every possible circumstance. Not just what could happen but what will happen. Matthew 11, "*if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.*" God is not a lifeless idol or figment of the imagination to give futile lives meaning. God is real. He knows all things, consequential and potential. He always does what is best, in accord with His perfect nature.

4- God's knowledge is INTIMATE. Psalm 139, "*You have searched me and known me, when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar, You search out my path and are acquainted with all my ways.*" This is language of espionage, scanning, Wikileaks, NSA. God knows it all! This is both comforting and convicting. So God is worthy of your worship. Psalm 139, "*search me O God, and know my heart. Try me and know my thoughts. See if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*" You may think you know better than God. That things have happened that He should not have let happen. But Scripture does not let you assign evil to God. James 1:13, "*God cannot be tempted with evil, and He Himself tempts no one.*" You cannot blame God for sin or its consequences in your life.

Rather, He offers the way out. Jesus says, "*Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and LEARN from Me, and find rest for your souls.*" Jesus Himself fulfills the promises of Isaiah 11, "*the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding and the fear of the Lord. And the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD.*" To know Him you must be known by Him. He gives you His eternal spiritual life when you trust Jesus as your Savior and Lord. Then you know you can trust Him with your past, present, and future, as He empowers you to live out your life - according to the perfect plan of the God who knows all things!