

Attributes of God

Omniscience

Psalm 147:1-5

Psalm 139:1-6

Job 38:4-6

Definition: All-knowing

Omnī – “All”

Sciencia – “Knowledge”

The omniscience of God refers to His infinite, eternal and unchanging knowledge of all things.

Creator/Creature Distinction:

- God’s knowledge is infinite, not finite
- God’s knowledge is immutable, not “variablyⁱ”
- God’s knowledge is independent, not dependent
- God’s knowledge is innate/intuitive, not “discursiveⁱⁱ”
- God’s knowledge is infallible, not subject to error

Additional Texts:

OT: 1 Sam. 2:3; 1 Chron. 28:9; Job 12:13; Ps. 69:5; Prov. 24:12; Is. 40:27-28; Jer. 16:17; Dan. 2:20-23

NT: Matt. 6:8; Lk. 6:7-8; John 2:24-25; Acts 1:24; Rom. 11:33-35; 1 Cor. 2:10; Heb. 4:13; I Jn. 3:19-20

Four Main Views on Divine Foreknowledgeⁱⁱⁱ:

- 1) Open Theism
- 2) Simple Foreknowledge
- 3) Middle Knowledge
- 4) Reformed View

Application:

“This doctrine which makes us fearful of sin is also the foundation of comfort and assurance!” (Sam Storms)

ⁱ Brad Klaasen, *Omniscience*

ⁱⁱ Sam Storms, *The Omniscience of God*

ⁱⁱⁱ Adapted from Sam Storms, “The Omniscience of God.”