

The Attributes of God

Attribute #6

1. Omniscient – God knows everything; everything possible and everything actual; all events and all creatures, of the past, present and future. He is perfectly acquainted with every detail in the life of every being in heaven, in earth, and in hell. Because He is eternal, there is no increase in His knowledge; He is not shocked by anything that happens, for all things lie before Him.
 - A. Gen.41:25-32; I Sam 23:10-12; Ps 139:2-4, 15-16; Isa.41:26; 42:9; 44:7; 46:10; Jer. 1:5; Dan. 2:22, 28-45; Matt. 6:8,32; 24:36; Acts 2:23; 3:18; 4:28; Rom.8:29; 11:2; Gal.1:15-16; 2Tim 1:9; 1 Peter 1:2,20.
 - B. He sees everything - 2 Kings 19:27
 - C. He knows the thoughts of the heart - Gen.6: 5; Ps.7:9; Prov.15:11; Acts 1:24; 15:8; 1 Thess.2:4
 - D. He knows the condition of His people - Ex.3: 7; Deut.2: 7
 - E. He knows the number of hairs on our head - Matt.10: 30
 - F. Sparrows cannot fall without Him - Matt.10: 29
 - G. He has counted and named every star - Ps. 147:4-5
 - H. His knowledge is perfect. He never errs, never changes, never overlooks anything – Heb. 4:13
 - I. He is referred to as “the Lord is a God of knowledge”
1 Sam. 2:3
 1. Knowledge (Heb), plural = “knowledges”, meaning of all kind of knowledge.
 2. Nothing can be concealed from God, not even our thoughts – Ezek. 11:5
2. The kind of knowledge there is in God.
 - A. His knowledge in Scripture has various names according to the object of it.
 1. In regard to present things – knowledge or sight

2. In regard to things past – remembrance
3. In regard to things future – foreknowledge
4. In regard to everything – omniscience
5. In regard to describing the way to act - wisdom

B. God knows Himself and only knows Himself

1. The infiniteness of God's knowledge is that He knows His own essence, that He knows that which is unknowable to anyone else.
2. 1 Cor. 2:11
3. If God should know all things without knowing Himself, He would not have the most perfect knowledge because He would not have the knowledge of the most perfect object.
4. Without knowledge of Himself, He could create nothing for He would be ignorant of His own power.
5. Without knowledge of Himself, He would not know what to punish because He would not know what was contrary to Himself.

C. He knows all creatures from the highest to the lowest, the least as well as the greatest, including mankind.

1. Every bird in the air – Psalm 50:11
2. The ravens – Job 38:41
3. The rain and the dew – Job 38:29
4. The number of clouds – Job 38:37
5. He knows all the actions of all the creatures – Job 31:4; Job 34:21
6. He knows all the thoughts of all the creatures – Psalm 7:9; Heb. 4: 12; Prov.15: 11

3. Application (uses) of this attribute

- A. It will be a prevention against sinfulness – Job 31:4
- B. It should make us watchful over our hearts and thoughts – Ezek.11:5
- C. It should make us more sincere in the direction of our lives – I Chron.28:9
- D. It should fill our worship with amazement, awe, and adoration – Prov.15:3