

The Knowledge of God

Need to have an understanding and revelation of God:

1. We can worship him well
 2. Trust Him at all times
 3. Learn to walk with fear and trembling – in awe of Him – in obedience to His Word
- The Creator and Redeemer of the world, who reveals himself in Scripture and in Jesus Christ, and who is loved, worshipped and adored by believers.
 - Scripture stresses the personal nature of God, and also his total reliability and trustworthiness.
 - God is the Father of Jesus Christ and of all believers.

Creator:

Genesis 1:1 says,

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth”

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

- Scripture gives no explanation for where God came from.
- He is God without beginning
- God is uncreated, and the only truly independent Being.
- Ps 90 – from everlasting to everlasting
- He is eternal
- In Exodus 3:14 – He reveals His name to Moses as , “ I AM WHO I AM (YAWEH)
- SIMPLY PUT – HE IS GOD.
- HE IS –

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1. GOD IS ALL KNOWING

- The omniscience of God is that attribute by which he knows all things past, present and future.
- What is hidden from human sight is still known by God.
- Scripture stresses the wisdom of God in all his actions, and often grounds this in his all-embracing knowledge.

A) God's unique self-knowledge within the Trinity

- Mt 11:27

All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

John 10:15

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

1 Cor. 2:10-11

But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

B. The nature of God’s knowledge

God’s knowledge originates within himself

Isa 40:13-14

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 path of justice, and taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?

Job 21:22 – Job’s reply to Zophar his friend – who thinks Job is wicked

Will any teach God knowledge, seeing that he judges those who are on high?

Ro 11:33-34

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?”

Col 2:3

*For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches **of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God’s mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.***

Psalms 139:6

David says of God:

- You have searched me, and known me
- You know when I sit down and when I rise up
- You discern my thoughts from afar
- You know all my ways

- Even before a word is on my tongue behold, you know it altogether
- You lay your hand upon on

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Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

1Co 2:16

“For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

C. God’s knowledge is complete

Mt 10:30

But even the hairs of your head are all numbered.

Ps 147:4

He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

Isa 40:26 as he comforts Israel – after their captivity

To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing.

D. God knows things that are hidden from human understanding

Dt 29:29

“The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

Da 2:22

he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him.

Even those hidden from the Son and the angels in heaven

Mt 24:36

“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.

Same applies to times and seasons

Ac 1:6-7

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.

E. God’s comprehensive knowledge of people

God’s knowledge of people’s actions

JOB 31:4

Does not he see my ways and number all my steps?

Job 34:21

“For his eyes are on the ways of a man, and he sees all his steps.

Ps 33:13-15

The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man; from where he sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth, he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.

Jer 23:24

Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD.

God’s knowledge of people’s needs**Mt 6:7-8 – When teaching about prayer**

“And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Mt 6:31-32 – teaching us not to worry

Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.

Instead seek his kingdom**Lk 12:29-30**

And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

F. God’s knowledge of people’s hearts and minds**1Ch 28:9 – David’s charge to Solomon**

“And you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father and serve him with a whole heart and with a willing mind, for the LORD searches all hearts and understands every plan and thought. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will cast you off forever.

- *Scripture views the heart not primarily as the seat of emotion but more particularly as the seat of the will.*

Ps 44:20

If we had forgotten the name of our God or spread out our hands to a foreign god, would not God discover this? For he knows the secrets of the heart.

Jer 17:10

"I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds." Like the partridge that gathers a brood that she did not hatch, so is he who gets riches but not by justice; in the midst of his days they will leave him, and at his end he will be a fool.

Heb 4:12-13

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

G. God's knowledge of people's sin

Jer 16:17

For my eyes are on all their ways. They are not hidden from me, nor is their iniquity concealed from my eyes. But first I will doubly repay their iniquity and their sin, because they have polluted my land with the carcasses of their detestable idols, and have filled my inheritance with their abominations."

God's foreknowledge of Jesus Christ's passion

Ac 2:23

this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

Ac 3:18 - repentance

But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

That is why He prepared for our salvation before he even dug the foundations of the earth

1 Peter 1:18-20

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. 20 He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.

All those who will worship the beast

Revelation 13:8

All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast -- all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world.

**Thank God He foreknew you
God's foreknowledge of those who would become disciples**

Ro 8:29

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Jer 1:5

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Ro 11:2

God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.