

1 **The Knowledge of God**

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- God fully knows himself and all things actual and possible in one simple eternal act. -Grudem

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- God is omniscient. He knows everything: everything possible, everything actual; all events and all creatures, of the past, present and the future. He is perfectly acquainted with every detail in the life of every being in heaven, in earth and in hell.
-Pink

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- How does God have knowledge?

5 **Our Knowledge vs. God's Knowledge**

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- What does God know?
 - 1. Himself, his nature or essence
 - 2. His creation in all of its fullness
 - 3. All past, present, and future
 - 4. God Even Knows all Possible Contingencies

7 **What does God know?**

- Psalm 147:5 ⁵ Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

8 **1. Himself, his nature or essence**

- 1 Corinthians 2:10-11 For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ 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.

9 **2. His creation in all of its fullness**

- Psalm 94:9 ⁹ He who planted the ear, does he not hear? He who formed the eye, does he not see?

10 **All past, present, and future**11 **4. God Even Knows all Possible Contingencies**12 **4. God Even Knows all Possible Contingencies**

- Although God knows whatsoever may or can come to pass upon all supposed conditions, yet hath He not decreed anything because He foresaw it as future, or as that which would come to pass upon such conditions. (Westminster Confession of Faith, 3.2)*

13 **God is all knowing, and God forgets our sins**14

- Isaiah 43:25 ²⁵ "I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

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- Jeremiah 7:31 ³¹ And they have built the high places of Topheth, which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire, which I did not command, nor did it come into my mind.

16 **False views on the Knowledge of God**

- Open Theism

- Molinism

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- “It should , however, be pointed out that neither God’s knowledge nor his cognition of the future, considered simply in themselves, are causative. Nothing has come to pass, or ever will, merely because God knew.” –Pink

19 **Open Theism**

- Proverbs 19:21 ²¹ Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand.

20 **Open Theism**

- Romans 3:10-18 "None is righteous, no, not one; ¹¹ no one understands; no one seeks for God. ¹² All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one." ¹³ "Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive." "The venom of asps is under their lips." ¹⁴ "Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness." ¹⁵ "Their feet are swift to shed blood; ¹⁶ in their paths are ruin and misery, ¹⁷ and the way of peace they have not known." ¹⁸ "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

21 **Molinism**22 **How should we live after having this knowledge**23

- Man judges heart by the action, but God judges the action by the heart. -Watson

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- Romans 14:23 For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.¹

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- Jeremiah 17:9-10 ⁹ The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? ¹⁰ "I the LORD search the heart and test the mind,

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- 1 Samuel 16:7 ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."

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- Proverbs 16:1-2 The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the LORD. ² All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the spirit.

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- 1 Chronicles 28:9 ⁹ "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.

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- Jeremiah 12:3 ³ But you, O LORD, know me; you see me, and test my heart toward you. Pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and set them apart for the day of slaughter

30 **God sees in the natural human heart**31

- Jeremiah 17:9-10 ⁹ The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? ¹⁰ "I the LORD

search the heart and test the mind,¹ to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds."

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- Proverbs 21:2 ² Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the heart.

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- Matthew 15:18-20 ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone."

34 **What is man's only hope**

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- Psalm 51:10 ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right¹ spirit within me.

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- Ezekiel 11:18-19 ¹⁸ And when they come there, they will remove from it all its detestable things and all its abominations. ¹⁹ And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh

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- Matthew 5:8 ⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God

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- Romans 6:17-18 ¹⁷ But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸ and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

39 **So how can anyone think they are out witting God**

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- Psalm 10:11 ¹¹ He says in his heart, "God has forgotten, he has hidden his face, he will never see it."

41 **Nothing is Concealed from God**

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- Ezekiel 11:5 ⁵ And the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and he said to me, "Say, Thus says the LORD: So you think, O house of Israel. For I know the things that come into your mind.

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- Psalm 73:11 ¹¹ And they say, "How can God know? Is there knowledge in the Most

44 **Psalm 139**

- Psalm 139:1 TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A PSALM OF DAVID. O LORD, you have searched me and known me! ² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. ³ You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.

45 **Psalm 139**

- ⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

46 **Psalm 139**

- ⁷ Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? ⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, ¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. ¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," ¹² even the darkness is not dark

to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

47 **Psalm 139**

- ¹³ For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.¹ Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were none of them. ¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! ¹⁸ If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.

48 **Psalm 139**

- ¹⁹ Oh that you would slay the wicked, O God! O men of blood, depart from me! ²⁰ They speak against you with malicious intent; your enemies take your name in vain!¹ ²¹ Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD? And do I not loathe those who rise up against you? ²² I hate them with complete hatred; I count them my enemies. ²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!¹ ²⁴ And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!¹

49 **We Should be Filled Amazement and Awe**

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