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Section: Doctrine of God

**HANDOUT NOTES**

**Q11. Does God know all things?**

Yes. God knows all things eternally. Nothing can be hidden from God. He is omniscient.

“Omniscient” [om-**nish**-uh nt]

**1 John 3:20** for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and ***he knows everything.***

**The Omniscience of God** - God has perfect, complete knowledge. He knows all things that exist and all things that could have existed. He never learns, nor does He forget. God cannot grow in understanding, knowledge, or wisdom, because He lacks nothing.

*The knowledge of God may be defined as**that perfection of God whereby He***,***in an entirely unique manner***,***knows Himself and all things possible and actual in one eternal and most simple act***.** *–* Louis Berkhof

* **Entirely unique manner**

**Job 37:16** Do you know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of him who is ***perfect in knowledge***

**The Aseity of God:** God does not owe His existence to anything or anyone outside Himself, nor does He need anything beyond Himself to maintain His existence. He is self-contained, self-existent, self-sufficient, and independent.

* **He knows Himself**

**1 Corinthians 2:10-11** … 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.

**1 John 1:5** This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

* **He knows all things possible**

**Matthew 11:21** "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.”

**Matthew 11:23** “And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.”

**1 Samuel 23:11-14 “**Will the men of Keilah surrender me into his hand? Will Saul come down, as your servant has heard? O Lord, the God of Israel, please tell your servant." And the Lord said, "He will come down." Then David said, "Will the men of Keilah surrender me and my men into the hand of Saul?" And the Lord said, "They will surrender you." Then David and his men, who were about six hundred, arose and departed from Keilah, and they went wherever they could go. When Saul was told that David had escaped from Keilah, he gave up the expedition. And David remained in the strongholds in the wilderness, in the hill country of the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul sought him every day, *but God did not give him into his hand.*

* **He knows all things actual**

*To say that God knows all things and that his knowledge is perfect is to say that he is never mistaken in his perception or understanding of the world: all that he knows and thinks is true and is a correct understanding of the nature of reality. In fact, since God knows all things infinitely well, we can say that the standard of true knowledge is conformity to God’s knowledge. If we think the same thing God thinks about anything in the universe, we are thinking truthfully about it. –* Wayne Grudem

**Hebrews 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. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

**1 John 3:20** for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.

**Matthew 10:29-31** “Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.”

**Isaiah 46:9-10** “… I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose'”

* **He knows everything: In one eternal and most simple act**

**Isaiah 53:5** But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

**Immutability:** God, in His being, perfections, will, purposes, ordinations, and promises, does not change in any way. He has always been and will always be exactly the same.

* **The wisdom of God**

**Wisdom** (As God’s attribute): God is eternally wise and the source of all wisdom. God possesses wisdom perfectly and has decidedly ordained all things perfectly, including the best ways to accomplish His decisions. The wisdom of God is manifest in His creating, ordering, providence in, and governing of all things.

**Romans 16:27** to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

**Jeremiah 10:12** It is he who made the earth by his power, who established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding stretched out the heavens.

**Psalm 104:24** O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**1 Corinthians 1:21** For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.

* **He knows the future**

*God hath decreed in himself, from all eternity, by the most wise and holy counsel of His own will, freely and unchangeably, all things, whatsoever comes to pass ... [In this, it is not that] liberty or contingency of second causes are taken away, but rather established; in which appears His wisdom in disposing all things, and power and faithfulness in accomplishing His decree*. - 1689 London Baptist Confession

**Acts 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.