

## Attributes of God (Omniscience)

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### Psalm 139:1-4, 15-18

1 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.

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 was 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.

Omni meaning “all” and science meaning “knowledge.”

**God is all-knowing, because He knows everything there is to know about Himself and all the things He created.**

- We perceptually know things—knowing through observation and experience.
- God conceptually knows everything—simply, knowing all true propositions.
- **Isaiah 55:8-9**

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

### 1 John 3:20 ...He knows everything

- He knows who His creation is: **Matthew 10:29-30** But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Cf. Jeremiah 1:5; Galatians 1:15-16
- He knows how his creation thinks: **Hebrews 4:12-13**  
12 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. 13 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. Cf. 1 Chronicles 28:9; Matthew 6:8; 1 Corinthians 2:11
- **Psalm 139:14** I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

### Why then does God ask questions in scripture?

He is a Teacher who uses questions to involve His students, force them to think, and point them to the truth. When He asks a question, it's not because He doesn't know the answer but because He wants us to know.

**Psalm 139:23-24**

*23 Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!*

*24 And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!*

**Ephesians 1:7-13**

*7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight 9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.*

*11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, 12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. 13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,*

**He's more knowledgeable than you think.**

**Discipleship Homework:**

In your prayer time this week, use **Psalm 139** as a guide to ask God to know you completely:

*23 Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!*

*24 And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!*

Take time to listen to what the Holy Spirit reveals. Ask God to give you what Paul describes in **Ephesians 1:17-20**:

*17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, 18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might 20 that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places*