

GOD/OMNISCIENCE

The word omniscience means to have all knowledge. It is a term that can only be applied to God. The American Heritage Dictionary says, “Having total knowledge; knowing everything.” Therefore, we see that this word can only apply to a being that is infinite, and not to a being that is finite such as we are.

God is aware of all things, understands all things, and comprehends the scope of all things. He never learns anything new nor acquires new knowledge. This is what is known in Systematic theology as the communicable attributes of God.

Dr. Berkhof said, “God knows Himself and in Himself all things that come from Him (internal knowledge). He knows all things as they actually come to pass, past, present, and future, and knows them in their real relations. He knows the hidden essence of things, to which the knowledge of man cannot penetrate. He sees not as man sees, who observes only the outward manifestations of life, but penetrates to the depths of the human heart. Moreover, He knows what is possible as well as what is actual; all things that might occur under certain circumstances are present to His mind.”

God’s knowledge is of a higher sort than our knowledge. Therefore, some hold to the position that God operates with a different form of logic than ours. They hold to this position for the convenient purpose of the snags in their theology. They alleviate contradictions in their theology by appealing to God’s different order of logic. This kind of reasoning is fatal to Christian doctrine.

God works from the same point of logic that you and I do; but the difference is that God’s knowledge is superior to ours. It has nothing to do with logic, God is rational, and even He cannot reconcile contradictions.

Scripture: King James Version: I Samuel 16:7; Job 37:16; Psalm 147:5; Acts 15:18; Romans 11:33-36; Hebrews 4:13.

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