

God

Omniscience, Omnipotent, and Omnipresent

Introduction:

While studying God's word grants us knowledge of what our divinely appointed service is we also find much information about God Himself. Our faith is dependant upon our understanding and belief in God. A study of Jehovah's omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence will help strengthen our faith.

I. The Omniscience of God

- A. The word "omniscience" means all knowing.
- B. There are two basic concepts behind God's omniscience:
 - 1. God knows all things:
 - a. God sees all that man does (Jer. 16:17; 23:24; Heb. 4:12-13).
 - b. God knows when man teaches error or commits sin (Jer. 29:23).
 - c. God knows man's thoughts (He reads our mind) (Jer. 17:10; 20:12).
 - 2. Not only does God know all current things but he has foreknowledge of future events (consider the allegory of Gal. 4:21-31):
 - a. The idea of foreknowledge closely relates to providence ("care or preparation in advance; foresight" [AHD 997]).
 - b. God's foreknowledge of man's eternal salvation through water (I Pet. 1:2). Noah's salvation through water is a 'prefigure' or type of our salvation today (cf. Gen. 6 compared to I Pet. 3:20-21).
 - c. God's foreknowledge of a savior to provide the remission of man's sins (Acts 2:23) is depicted in His sovereign promise made to Abraham in Gen. 12:1ff compared to Gal. 3:8, 16.
 - d. The Mosaic Law carried with it "*shadows*" (to prefigure) of the Law of Christ (Heb. 10:1) (i.e., priests, sacrifices, ordinances, etc.)

II. God is Omnipotent:

- A. Omnipotence equals all powerful (Jer. 50:34).
- B. God spoke and the universe came into existence (Gen. 1:6, 9, etc.).
- C. God speaks and the elements of the earth obey His voice (Matt. 8:23-27).
- D. All of creation is under His power (Jer. 51:15-19).
- E. No god or idol can stand up against the might of Jehovah (Ezek. 6:4-7).
- F. There is absolutely nothing that is too hard for Jehovah to accomplish (cf. Gen. 18:14; Jer. 32:17).

III. God is Omnipresent:

- A. To be Omnipresent is to be all places at all times.
- B. God is all places and sees all things (Jer. 23:23-25).

Conclusion:

Knowledge of the omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence of Jehovah produces faith in those who would seek an eternal heavenly home. To know that God is omniscient is to understand that He knows all things both now and in the future. To know that God is omnipotent is to understand that God is all powerful and there is nothing too hard for Him to accomplish. To know that God is omnipresent is to know that God sees and hears all things I say and think. The prophet Isaiah speaks for God saying, *“I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me; declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done; saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure...”* (Isa. 46:9-10). Let us all fear, respect, know, and obey our God for He is certainly alive!