

Victoria Fellowship Church
International & Interdenominational
Bible Study Worksheet – January 24, 2021

Theme: The Attributes of God Topic: The Attributes of God: Omniscient

Main Text: Isaiah 46: 9-10; Psalm 139:1-6

Key verse: Isaiah 46:10 *“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.”* (NKJV)

INTRODUCTION: Omniscient attribute of God means that **‘God is all-knowing.’** The word "omniscient" comes from two Latin words ***Omnis*** meaning all, and ***Scientia*** denoting knowledge. So, to say God is omniscient, is saying that He has perfect knowledge of all things. This means God knows everything: the past, the present; what will happen in future and everything that might happen; visible, invisible, known to man or unknown to man. As the Bible says, *‘nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight...’* (Hebrews 4:13). This idea of God being all-knowing can be difficult to grasp. But consider this: As of today, scientists believe that there are at least two trillion galaxies within our observable universe. And there are more of the universe beyond our current ability to observe. When we consider that there are equally billions of stars in each galaxy, we begin to get a glimpse of the extent of what it means that God is omniscient. As Acts 15:18 (NKJV) puts it, God knows all there is to know from eternity. The Omniscient does not need to learn things gradually as man does. God knows everything!

1. (a) When you consider the Omniscient attribute of God, what comes to your mind? (b) Read Psalm 139:1-6; 147:5; Romans 11:33 and identify the adjectives used to describe God’s omniscience. (c) How do those words used to describe God’s omniscience expand your understanding of God?

It is easy to mentally accept that God knows all things past, present, and future. But God’s omniscience begins to get fuzzy in our minds when it touches human history and our lives in general or in specifics. Apart from describing God’s omniscience, Psalm 139:1-6 also paints a frightening picture of God’s perfect knowledge of man. *“Lord, you know everything there is to know about me... and you understand my every thought before it even enters my mind... You know all the words I’m about to speak before I even start a sentence! You know every step I will take before my journey even begins...”* (TPT). Hebrews 4:12 adds: *“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart”*. (NKJV). God told Jeremiah, *“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations”*. Jeremiah 1:5. (NKJV). God knows us in great details and there is nothing we can hide from Him.

2. (a) According to Psalm 139:1-6 and Isaiah 46:9-10 how well does God know you and how does that make you feel? (b) How does the story of Esau and Jacob in Genesis 25: 19 -26, help to expand your understanding of God’s omniscience in relation to our lives? (c) In what ways do these truths in (a) and (b) above help to resolve questions we or others might have about God’s omniscience in relation to our lives?

After contemplating the implications of God’s omniscience, the Psalmist declared: *“Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand!”* (Psalm 139:6 NLT). Not many will feel comfortable knowing they are literally naked (inside and out) before God. Unlike Adam and Eve who hid when they realized their nakedness before God, David seemed to bask in it. When he prayed: *“Search me, O God and know my heart...”* (Psalm 139:23a.)

3. (a) What does a person’s response to being completely known by God say about such individual? See John 3:19-21 (b) Read Psalm 139:6, 23-24. How should you respond to the God who knows everything about you? (c) How will this knowledge affect your Christian walk and help you to handle life’s situations? E.g., Matthew 6:32

Prayer: *Heavenly Father, thank You for who You are - The Omniscient God who knows even the thoughts of our hearts. Fill us with the assurance that Your knowledge of us is for our good. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.*