



Approaching God

Begin your time with an opening prayer

Take a moment to quiet your heart and ask God to help you experience his presence today. Ask Him to free you from any distractions as you begin to read and meditate on today's passages.

Today's Theme: God is Omniscient

God knows everything-past, present, and future - and nothing takes Him by surprise.

Bible Reading, Study & Meditation - Slowly Read the Following Passages

Start with Engaging the Text: Take a few minutes to highlight, circle, or underline key words.

1 Chronicles 28:4-9

4 "Yet the LORD, the God of Israel, chose me from my whole family to be king over Israel forever. He chose Judah as leader, and from the tribe of Judah he chose my family, and from my father's sons he was pleased to make me king over all Israel. **5** Of all my sons—and the LORD has given me many—he has chosen my son Solomon to sit on the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel. **6** He said to me: 'Solomon your son is the one who will build my house and my courts, for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father. **7** I will establish his kingdom forever if he is unswerving in carrying out my commands and laws, as is being done at this time.' **8** "So now I charge you in the sight of all Israel and of the assembly of the LORD, and in the hearing of our God: Be careful to follow all the commands of the LORD your God, that you may possess this good land and pass it on as an inheritance to your descendants forever. **9** "And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the LORD searches every heart and understands every desire and every thought. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will reject you forever.

Psalms 139:1-6, 16-18

1 O LORD, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. **2** You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away. **3** You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do. **4** You know what I

am going to say even before I say it, LORD. **5** You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head. **6** Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand! **16** You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. **17** How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! **18** I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me!

Isaiah 46:9-11

9 Remember the things I have done in the past. For I alone am God! I am God, and there is none like me. **10** Only I can tell you the future before it even happens. Everything I plan will come to pass, for I do whatever I wish. **11** I will call a swift bird of prey from the east— a leader from a distant land to come and do my bidding. I have said what I would do, and I will do it.

Matthew 10:26-30

26 "So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. **27** What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. **28** Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. **29** Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. **30** And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

Meditation - GOD IS OMNISCIENT

Read the short essay from He Reads Truth

When we stumble and sin, it helps to remember that God is merciful. When we recognize that we have, once again, turned aside to idols of our own making, there are Scriptures that declare God's faithfulness in spite of our frailty. And when we have been burned by some injustice—life-shattering or trivial—we can thank our Savior for being a righteous Judge who promises to set all things right in the end. Reflecting on God's attributes can bring us peace in the midst of struggles. But there is one that can leave us feeling exposed: God's omniscience. Because He is all-knowing, there is nothing hidden from God's sight—nothing in waking life or even in our imaginations. There is no event in the past, present, or future that takes Him by surprise. The entire universe is an open book.

This kind of knowledge in anyone else's hands would be a dangerous weapon. It would be appropriate to live in a constant state of fear. But God's omniscience is coupled with His other attributes. To be known by God, then, is to be valued and loved. None of us are here by mistake. He wants to know us. And that's a very good thing; within each of us is a desire to be known.

We all want to be fully known and understood, and then to be fully loved. Of course, we too often conclude in our hearts we are unloveable. After all, we how we've done wrong and missed the mark, how easily we've given in to temptation. Our hearts condemn us daily. But "God is greater than our hearts, and he knows all things" ([1 John 3:20](#)).

On the day of Solomon's coronation, David told his son, "The LORD searches every heart and understands the intention of every thought" ([1 Chronicles 28:9](#)). In these words, there is a warning, but there is also grace. True, there is no hiding from God. But there also isn't anyone who could possibly know us better. Because Jesus dealt with our sin on the cross, purifying us as a bride for her husband, God's omniscience is not reason to fear blanket condemnation; instead, it's an invitation to true intimacy with our Maker.(from the website: hereadstruth.com)

Daily Reflection Questions

1. What 1 or 2 verses of today's scripture passages *most* stood out to you? What was significant for you in those verses?
2. How would you briefly summarize what it means that "God is Omniscient" in your own words?
3. In what areas of your life right now do you most need to believe and trust in this particular attribute of God? How might your life be different if you were able to trust and truly believe that God knows and sees all things?

Close in Prayer:

- What can I **REJOICE IN** as a result of today's study?
- What do I need to **REPENT OF** as a result of today's study?
- What do I want to **REQUEST FROM** God today?