

Colossians 3:16

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
teaching and admonishing one another
in all wisdom,
singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*



Who is God? What is He like? Can He be known? These are the most important questions in the universe. The good news is God has answered these questions by revealing Himself through His attributes. The most important thing we can do in the universe is grow in our knowledge of God. We have been created by God to know God. For the season of Lent our devotions will be on knowing God through His attributes.

Omniscient

God's knowledge is innate, meaning He simply knows all things. God never learns anything.

God's knowledge is simultaneous, instantaneous, and complete. He knows everything at once.

God's knowledge knows no obstacle, God sees all, perceives all, knows all. He knows it without the hindrance of distance, of space or time.

God's knowledge is infallible, pure, and perfect. He never has a bad thought, never makes an error in judgment, or a slip of the tongue, or has a senior moment. He never forgets.

God's knowledge is infinite, not partial like ours. God knows every word before it is on our tongue, every thought before it enters our brain, every plan before it's conceived, every decision before it's decided, and all our days before we were born.

Scripture on God's Omniscience

1 Chronicles 28:9 *Know the God of your father and serve him with a whole heart and with a willing mind, for the Lord searches all hearts and understands every plan and thought.*

Job 23:10 *But he knows the way that I take; when he has tried me, I shall come out as gold.*

Job 28:24 *For he looks to the ends of the earth and sees everything under the heavens.*

Psalms 139:1-6, 17-18, 23-24 *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.*

⁵ *You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.*

⁶ *Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.*

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.*

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!*

Psalms 147:4-5 *He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.*

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

Proverbs 5:21 *For a man's ways are before the eyes of the Lord, and he ponders all his paths.*

Isaiah 40:13-14 *Who has measured the Spirit of the Lord, or what man shows him his counsel?*

Whom did he consult, and who made him understand?

Who taught him the path of justice, and taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?

Isaiah 46:9-10 remember the former things of old;
for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me,
declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done,
saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose.'

Matthew 10:30 Even the hairs of your head are all numbered.

John 6:64 "There are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.)

Romans 11:33-34, 36 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

"For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?"

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

1 John 3:19-20 This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts and he knows everything.

Song

Psalm 59:16 But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.
For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.

[You can Google the hymn to hear it if you would like to sing along.]

O Be Careful Little Eyes

O be careful little eyes what you see
O be careful little eyes what you see
For the Father up above is looking down in love
So, be careful little eyes what you see.

O be careful little ears what you hear
O be careful little ears what you hear
For the Father up above is looking down in love
So, be careful little ears what you hear.

O be careful little tongue what you say
O be careful little tongue what you say
For the Father up above is looking down in love
So, be careful little tongue what you say.

O be careful little hands what you do
O be careful little hands what you do
For the Father up above is looking down in love
So, be careful little hands what you do.

O be careful little feet where you go
O be careful little feet where you go
For the Father up above is looking down in love
So, be careful little feet where you go.

O be careful little mind what you think
O be careful little mind what you think
For the Father up above is looking down in love
So, be careful little mind what you think.

Prayer

II Chronicles 7:14 If my people, who are called by my Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Holy Father, we live in awe and reverence in the vastness of who you are. You know the number of the grains of sand on the shore, you call every star by name, and you uniquely craft every human down to the very last detail. The wonders of your love are too great to comprehend.

You know our going out and coming in. Whatever path each of us walks, you know every step we take. You really do know our every move from the beginning to the end. You know our every thought, the secrets of our hearts before we know them.

Father, we often get caught up in creating our own path. We buy into the lie that we know best and take steps to control our lives. Forgive us, Father, for choosing our way over yours. Help us to walk in faith knowing you are the all-knowing God. When days are hard and we struggle to understand, let your gentle presence remind us that you see it all. You know the end from the beginning and no detail is ever missed.

Make us more mindful of your presence and your knowledge, that in you alone we live and move and have our being. Make our knowledge of you fruitful and profitable, peace producing and even life changing.

Help us to rest in this knowledge as a sign of your everlasting grace, through the one who lived and died for us before we came into existence, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.