

Omniscience

There are many intriguing things in the modern age. One gets the idea that anything is possible and attainable for the right price. Many people have gone to great lengths to gain infinite knowledge, wisdom, and awareness combined in the package we call omniscience. Eastern religions and exercise programs have their basis in meditation and mind-broadening to uncover the universe's truths. Many have traveled to find a Sage or Guru to lead them to enlightenment. Instead, they find confusion and a recognition that all people are unique. Each person has a capacity for some knowledge of one or more areas of science. No one person can obtain all knowledge of every subject.

An accurate definition states that "Omniscience is the capacity to know everything." The description gives two main concepts. First is the truth that this capacity to know everything is a characteristic of God. The second is that all knowledge can be divided among many gods, each responsible for a portion of expertise. This latter concept exists in the polytheistic religions, the worship of many gods. Paul taught about the one God in Athens, a city filled with many false gods. *"The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things; and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His children'"* (Acts 17:24-28).

Before creation, God knew the end of all things. *"Known to God from eternity are all His works"* (Acts 15:18 NKJV). God knew the qualifications to become His child through Christ before creation. *"He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love"* (Ephesians 1:4 NKJV).

When God told Noah to build the ark, He did not conduct a research and development program to discover the necessary materials. He knew when He created the materials that wood would float high in the water and that pitch would plug the leaks. God only had to tell Noah, *"Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make the ark with rooms, and shall cover it inside and out with pitch"* (Genesis 6:14). Shipbuilders use His proportions to this day.

Jesus, as John describes Him in John 1:1-3, was at the beginning with God, and He was God. He is identified as the instrument of creation this way. *"For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him"* (Colossians 1:16). When Jesus wanted to walk on water, He did not have to learn about surface tension and adhesion of liquids. *"And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea"* (Matthew 14:25). He did it from the intimate knowledge of His creative power.

That statement in Colossians 1:16 also indicates that God and His Son never had a surprise occur when they had to ask, "What are you, and where did you come from?" The Father authorized all things, and the Son created them. Everything was made for a particular place, and each place provided for the animal, vegetable, or mineral placed there. Even the death, burial, and resurrection

of The Son were included in the plan. Being at home in heaven, Jesus followed the plan made before creation and came to earth to die on a cross. Jesus *"emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross"* (Philippians 2:5-8). *"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, **Christ died for us**. Much more then, having now been **justified by His blood, we shall be saved** from the wrath of God through Him"* (Romans 5:8-9).

Now consider, after providing salvation for individuals, God did not need to ask, "What next?" The plan already called for the saved to receive a home in heaven. So Jesus *"was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification"* (Romans 4:25). And as He prepared to return to heaven, He told the disciples, *"In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. "And you know the way where I am going"* (John 14:2-4).

Are you ready to go?