

# IMPACT

**I** **M**ust **P**ersonally **A**cknowledge **C**hrist **T**oday  
Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; *in all your ways acknowledge Him* and He shall direct your path.  
Proverbs 3:5-6

**Passage:** Isaiah 40:12-18 “Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, Measured heaven with a span And calculated the dust of the earth in a measure? Weighed the mountains in scales And the hills in a balance? Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, Or as His counselor has taught Him? With whom did He take counsel, and who instructed Him, And taught Him in the path of justice? Who taught Him knowledge, And showed Him the way of understanding...? To whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare to Him?”

**Quote:** “When God is our Holy Father, sovereignty, holiness, omniscience, and immutability do not terrify us; they leave us full of awe and gratitude.” R. Zacharius

**G**od fully knows all things actual and possible in one simple and eternal act. He knows and sees the past, the present, and the future with equal clarity and absolute certainty. To Him, all is the present.<sup>1</sup> Like all of His attributes, His knowledge of all things is perfectly complete and without error.

The truth that God knows our every thought, word and deed should sober all of us. David prayed, “O LORD, You have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.”<sup>2</sup> The English theologian John Owen stated that God “sees the inside of all; and what men are there, *that* they are to him. He sees not as we see, but ponders the hidden man of the heart. No humble, broken, contrite soul, shall lose one sigh or groan after him, and communion with him; no pant of love or desire is hid from him,—he sees in secret; no glorious performance of the most glorious hypocrite will avail with him,—his eyes look through all, and the filth of their hearts lies naked before him.”

All-knowing God, Thy searching eyes look past my habits to my heart Where weaknesses and strengths lie bare before Thy piercing, holy stare. With sov'reign

gaze, You loath all sham *and know me as I truly am*. The comfort of God’s omniscience lies in the truth that He knows our every temptation and trial, and provides the means of defense for temptation and the means for development through trial. “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”<sup>3</sup> “The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, And delivers them out of all their troubles.”<sup>4</sup> There is nothing that can breach God’s invincible hedge that surrounds the life of a believer apart from His sovereign intentions.<sup>5</sup> We can rest in the truth that all things in our lives are there for His purpose. “We know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.”<sup>6</sup>

The caution of God’s omniscience lies in the truth that He will hold us accountable for our carnal and careless thoughts, words and deeds. Spurgeon wrote, “Suppose for a moment that Jehovah could not see the works and know the thoughts of man. Would you then become *more careless* concerning him than you are now? I think not. In nine cases out of ten, and perhaps in a far larger and sadder proportion, the doctrine of divine omniscience, although it is believed, has *no practical effect on our lives at all*. The mass of mankind forget God.” They do so to their eternal harm! “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man’s all. For God will bring *every work* into judgment, Including *every secret thing*, Whether good or evil.”<sup>7</sup> God’s all-knowing, righteous judgment will be by His definition of good and evil.

**God is  
Omniscient!**

1 Precept Ministries 2 Psalm 139:1-4 3 I Corinthians 10:13 4 Psalm 34:17 5 Job 1:10; Psalm 34:7 6 Romans 8:28-30 7 Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; Also Hebrews 4:13