KNOWING GOD

LESSON 6

Title: God Omniscient

Text: Isaiah 40:12-14 and Romans 11:33-34

1. **Review:**
   1. The words *beginning* and *end* have no application to the person of God.
   2. “The mind looks backward in time until the dim past vanishes then turns and looks into the future till thought and imagination collapse from exhaustion: and God is at both points, unaffected by either.” –– A.W. Tozer.
2. **Knowing everything, God can be taught nothing (Isaiah 40:12-14 and Romans 11: 33-34):**
   1. Nothing can come to God’s mind that He did not already know.
      1. Being omniscient does not mean that God only knows everything after the fact; He has perfect foreknowledge.
      2. For the infinite God to have less than total and perfect foreknowledge would make Him less than Himself. He could not be the eternal God without knowing everything in eternity past and eternity future.
   2. Who can instruct God? (Isaiah 40:13-14)
      1. Can angels teach Him?
      2. Can the Seraphim or the Cherubim?
      3. Can archangels?
      4. Could the great prophets or Apostles?
   3. Consider this paragraph from A.W. Tozer: “God knows instantly and effortlessly all matter and matters, all mind and every mind, all spirit and all spirits, all being and every being, all creaturehood and all creatures, every plurality and all pluralities, all law and every law, all relations, all causes, all thoughts, all mysteries, all enigmas, all feeling, all desires, every unuttered secret, all thrones and dominions, all personalities, all things visible and invisible in heaven and in earth, motion, space, time, life, death, good, evil, heaven and hell.”
3. **What does the omniscience of God mean to us?**
   1. Knowing He is omniscient, how should we react? With reverence (Psalm 90:7-8).
   2. Think on these sobering facts:
      1. All our thoughts are known to God.
      2. All our deeds are known to God.
      3. All our motives are known to God.
   3. Surely this attribute of God should have a bearing on our conduct.
4. **The Christian should react with great comfort and peace (Matthew 6:6-8).**
   1. Our Father knows! He knows our need even before we ask.
   2. No circumstance in our life will surprise God.
   3. He is not amazed to know that some great tragedy has befallen us or some great temptation. He not only knows it happened; He knew it would before it did.
   4. We go to God not to inform Him, but to express our trust and confidence in Him (Hebrews 4:13-16).
   5. You can pour the burden of your heart out to Him.
5. **Conclusion:** The omniscience of God is not just a cold theological fact; it affects our walk before God and with God. Because I know that He knows everything, that will affect my reverence for Him and my conduct before Him.