

## THE ATTRIBUTES SERIES

### God is Omniscient

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**Definition:** An attribute is a property, a quality, or a \_\_\_\_\_ . That means divine attributes are those properties, qualities, and characteristics which, in essence, make God who He is as God.

Basic Categories of Attributes:

- His \_\_\_\_\_ attributes: characteristics that are possessed by God alone and cannot be passed on to us.  
Example: \_\_\_\_\_
- His \_\_\_\_\_ attributes: characteristics that are possessed by God and which can be passed on to us.  
Example: \_\_\_\_\_

God is omniscient is a natural attribute and it means \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Definition:** His omniscience means He has perfect knowledge of all things both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .

Reference: **Psalm 139:1-6** (see screen)

Additional references: **Psalm 147:4, 5; Matthew 10:30** (see screen)

**Open theism** (also called openness or open view)

**Definition:** Open theism is the teaching that God has created humans to have free will and that in order for man's free will to be truly free then the future free will choices of individuals \_\_\_\_\_ ahead of time by God.

Proponents: Gregory A. Boyd, Clark Pinnock, John Sanders, etc.)

Scripture specifically contradicts open theism.

Reference: **I John 3:20** (see screen)

The fact God knows everything does have some practical applications:

**ONE:** The fact God is omniscient \_\_\_\_\_ from committing sin because God is aware of my sin, even if no one else is.

References: **Psalm 69:5; Psalm 90:8; Proverbs 15:3; Hebrews 4:13** (see screen)

Principle: Secret sin on earth is \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven!

Reference: **Joshua 7:19-26** (see screen)

There are three things we can do after we sin:

- \_\_\_\_\_ in it
- \_\_\_\_\_ it
- \_\_\_\_\_ it

**TWO:** The fact God is omniscient \_\_\_\_\_ since He understands me even if no one else does.

References: **I Samuel 16:7b; I Chronicles 28:9b; Psalm 44:21; and Revelation 2:23b** (see screen)