

A Portrait of God: Who Is God and What Is He Like? The Omnis: Omnipresence, Omniscience, Omnipotence, Psalm 139, Isaiah 40

The Three Omnis Omni meaning "All"

"All" "Always" "None" "Never"

The Three Omnis God is all-present God is all-knowing and all-powerful

I know far too little to speak about the first (God's omniscience) and I am far too weak to speak about the second (God's omnipotence).

What does God know?

God knows me completely including my thoughts, motives, and actions.

Psalm 139:1-2 Lord, You have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I get up; You understand my thought from far away.

God knows me completely including all things past, present, and future.

Psalm 139:3-4 You scrutinize my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before there is a word on my tongue, behold, Lord, You know it all.

God knows me even when I see or know nothing about myself or my surroundings.

Psalm 139:11-12 If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me, and the light around me will be night," Even darkness is not dark to You, and the night is as bright as the day. Darkness and light are alike to You."

God knows me at the core of my being, at the very creative fashioning of my existence.

Psalm 139:13-14 For You created my innermost parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to You, because I am awesomely and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows it very well.

Psalm 139:15-16 My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in secret, and skillfully formed in the depths of the earth; Your eyes have seen my formless substance; And in Your book were written all the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them.

God knows me with profound affection and care.

Psalm 139:17-18 How precious also are Your thoughts for me, God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the sand. When I awake, I am still with You.

James 1:18 He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession.

God knows me much better than I know myself and is willing to reveal the hurtful aspects of my hidden life.

Psalm 139:23-24 Search me, God, and know my heart; Put me to the test and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there is any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way.