

## Our Exhaustively Omniscient Lord 2018-09-09

### Isaiah 46:9b-10

I am God, and there is no other;  
I am God, and there is none like Me,  
declaring the end from the beginning  
and from ancient times things not yet done,  
saying, 'My counsel shall stand,  
and I will accomplish all My purpose,'

Challenges of preaching: attempt to explain unexplainable, infinite God.

- Well-intentioned efforts to make God more understandable/appealing can “diminish” Lord and “create” unbiblical God made in our image.
  - Historical/present example: God’s omniscience in Open Theism.

Omniscient: God always knows everything at once....past, present, future. Isaiah 46:9b-10, Job 37:16, Romans 11:33, Psalm 139:4

- God never searches for info (computer): His knowledge is total, instantaneous
  - He never learns/becomes wiser or is not omniscient beforehand.
    - He "forgets" sin in his relationship to Christians.....Gospel
- "god" doesn't know all things can't be god + inconsistent w/scripture.

Open Theism: Low view of God’s omniscience while claiming to affirm His omniscience.

- Open Theism = God knows everything that can be known, but He does not know future because future not there to know yet.
  - If God absolutely knew ALL future, human beings not truly free.
    - Even Arminian “foreknowledge” pre-supposes unchangeable future.....this Hyper Arminian.

Open Theism = Foreknowledge of future is limited so God changes His mind if He realizes in retrospect, past actions had not been best. Isaiah 40:13-14, Romans 11:34-35, Ephesians 1:11

- God influences us and we exert influence on Him. He learns from US.
  - In essence: God/men decide together what future will be.

God’s acts not in responsive/reactive way, but in directing, proactive way.

- Hyper-Calvinism fails by making humans pre-programmed robots.
- God somehow upholds our ability to make willing choices that have real effects and eternal significance .....reasonable self-determination
  - Some sense man’s choices not absolutely free in way God's are.

If man’s decisions really totally free and arbitrary, God could not predict future.

- God above time, not “in time” as we are so He is not constrained by it.
  - Thus He KNOWS - not guesses - the future because He is sovereign over men, universe, history, time itself. Job 1:12, John 8:58, 2 Peter 3:8, Proverbs 16:33, Psalm 139:16b, Revelation 13:8 & 1:8

- Open Theism agrees God knows/determines SOME future. Free will?
  - Cross, Resurrection and Book of Life are evidence of God's total omniscience and love.

In emotional, sincere attempt to explain unexplainable, Open Theism undermines biblical view of God's omniscience and makes Him into "our image".

- If you see on various social media, etc...humbly, lovingly correct friends in error with the Word. 1 Thess 5:21, 2 Timothy 2:15, 24-25
- Rejoice in depth of our omniscient God's love for us:
  - If anyone rightfully rejects us, it's God who knows everything about us yet loves/pursues us. Matthew 6:8, Romans 8:32, 1 Corinthians 13:12
- Be confident in your salvation, Lord's promises for present and future because your Lord is totally, exhaustively omniscient.