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The Lord Almighty

Isaiah 44:7-8

Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before me what has happened since I established my ancient people, and what is yet to come-- yes, let him foretell what will come. 8 Do not tremble, do not be afraid.

Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one."

God is Omniscient- He knows all things. Because God is the source of all things, making everything from nothing, He is therefore the source of all knowledge and wisdom. *He knew in eternity past the entire record of history for all eternity.* Predictive prophecy proves this again and again. There is nothing that escapes His notice, and nothing can be hidden from Him. He is aware of the events of the past, present, and future as if they were all laid out before Him. As His being is perfect, so is His knowledge. Being perfect in knowledge, He is therefore all-knowing and never confused, misled or surprised.

Hebrews 4:13- "Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight **Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him** to whom we must give account."

1 John 3:20 - 20 whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and **he knows everything.** NIV

The beloved AW Tozer puts it this way: God knows all that can be known. And this He knows instantly and with a fullness of perfection that includes every possible item of knowledge concerning everything that exists or could have existed anywhere in the universe at any time in the past or that may exist in the centuries or ages yet unborn. *God knows all of the data of every possible cause and effect, feeling and desire, creature, event, and every other thing that can be named.* His knowledge is complete and eternal.

Acts 15:18 - 18 "**Known to God from eternity are all His works.** NKJV

Isa 46:9-10 - 9 "Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, 10 **Declaring the end from the beginning And from ancient times things which have not been done,** Saying, 'My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure'; NAS

Nothing escapes the attention of God. He see all things even the inner thoughts of man. Jesus said that all of the hairs of our head where numbered, (Luke 12:7) and that not a sparrow falls to the ground apart from His attention (Matt 10:29). Our very thoughts and intentions of our hearts are open and laid bare before the Lord. He knows our thought before we even express them. Indeed there is no place where we can hide from God, He sees every hidden things in full view, and even understands the intentions of our hearts better than we do. He is God.

1 Kings 8:39- then hear from heaven, your dwelling place. Forgive and act; deal with each man according to all he does, since you know his heart (**for you alone know the hearts of all men**), **1 Chron 28:9-10** - 9 "And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, **for the LORD searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts.** If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will reject you forever. NIV

Prov 5:21 - For a man's ways are in **full view of the LORD**, and he examines all his paths. NIV

Ps 139:2-4 - You know when I sit and when I rise; **you perceive my thoughts from afar**. 3 You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. 4 **before a word is on my tongue you know it completely**. O LORD. NIV

Pink writes of God's knowledge of our sins; Neither the darkness of night, the closest curtains, nor the deepest dungeon can hide any sinner from the eyes of Omniscience. The trees of the garden were not able to conceal our first parents. *No human eye beheld Cain murder his brother, but his maker witnessed his crime*. Sarah might laugh derisively in the seclusion of her tent, yet was it heard by Jehovah. Achan stole a wedge of gold and carefully hid it in the earth, but God brought it to light. David was at much pains to cover up his wickedness, but ere long the all-seeing God sent one of His servants to say to him, "You are the man!" And to writer and reader is also said, "Be sure your sin will find you out." (Numbers 32:23)

Prov 15:3 - 3 The **eyes of the LORD are in every place**, Watching the evil and the good. NAS

Job 34:21-22 - 1 "His eyes are on the ways of men; he sees their every step. 22 There is no dark place, **no deep shadow, where evildoers can hide**. NIV

Ps 90:8 - 8 You have set our iniquities before you, **our secret sins in the light of your presence**.

Oh!How the wicked hate this truth. But for the righteous, it is one of great comfort. That God knows our way, our thoughts. Even when we have failed ourselves, God is not amazed or surprised. Indeed He remembers that "we are dust." His "eye is upon the sparrow, how much more the sons of men!" Will the all-seeing God of mercy deny a refuge for those who have turned to Him for it? No, indeed He will be our strong tower! He will be careful to "make our path straight." Friends, God knew all our days before one ever came to be, yet decided to set His love upon us in spite of our sin and rebellion. What a gracious and loving God He is! While we were yet sinners Christ died for us. (Rom 5:8) He will not forget us in our time of need, but knowing our needs before we even ask, He is ready and prepared to meet them. *He has seen the difficult situations of our lives before they even happen*, yet has said, "No weapon formed against you will prosper, all who will rise up against you shall fall."

Matt 10:29-31 - 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground **apart from the will of your Father**. 30 And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 So don't be afraid; **you are worth more than many sparrows**. NIV

Matt 6:8 - 8 "Therefore do not be like them; for **your Father knows what you need, before you ask Him**. NAS

Isa 65:24 - 24 "It will also come to pass that **before they call, I will answer**; and while they are still speaking, I will hear. NAS

Knowing therefore that God is omniscient, what does this imply about future events?

"Whether God has decreed all things that ever come to pass or not, all that own the being of a God, own that He knows all things beforehand. Now, it is self-evident that if He knows all things beforehand, He doth approve of them or doth not approve of them; that is, He is either willing they should be, or He is not willing they should be. But to will that they *should be* is to decree them." (Jonathon Edwards)

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History is the product of God's eternally wise planning, creative purpose, providential preservation, and common grace. God fills space and time with his presence, sustains it, and gives it purpose and value. The omnipresent and ubiquitous One is Lord of time and

history, not vice versa. God does not negate time but fulfills it. In it his purposes are accomplished.

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for Peter says, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you" (John 21:17). God knows all inward thoughts and outward acts of humanity (Ps 139). Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the one to whom we must give account (Heb 4:13).

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If God is omniscient, he must have decree and sovereignty.