

The Omniscience & Omnipotence of God

Doctrine

1. *Omniscience: God fully knows himself and all things actual and possible in one simple and eternal act.*

(Job 37:16)

[16] Do you know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of him who is **perfect in knowledge**,

(Psalm 147:5)

[5] Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; **his understanding is beyond measure.**

(1 Samuel 2:3)

[3] Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for **the LORD is a God of knowledge**, and by him actions are weighed.

2. *Omnipotence: God is able to do all his holy will*

(Matthew 19:26)

[26] But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but **with God all things are possible.**"

(Genesis 17:1)

[17:1] When Abram was **ninety-nine years old** the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "**I am God Almighty**; walk before me, and be blameless,

(1 John 3:19-20)

[19] By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; [20] for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and **he knows everything.**

(Psalm 139:4)

[4] Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, **you know it altogether.**

(Matthew 10:30)

[30] But even the hairs of your head are all numbered.

(Job 42:2)

[2] "I know that you **can do all things**, and that **no purpose of yours can be thwarted.**

(Revelation 19:6)

[6] Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "**Hallelujah!**
For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

Questions and Objections

1. If God knows and has ordained everything according to his will, do we really have free will? Doesn't his predestinating will preclude man's ability to choose?
2. If everything happens according to God's will, including evil (i.e. Joseph being sold into slavery, Jesus being betrayed by Judas), then isn't God the author of sin? How do we reconcile this with God's perfect holiness?
3. If God has ordained everything, what's the point of _____? Isn't everything already predetermined?
4. If God knows everything, why does he test people (i.e. Abraham)?