

WHAT the BIBLE TEACHES about GOD and JESUS CHRIST

Lesson 2 - Part 2

GOD THE FATHER

God is the greatest

1. What three things did you learn in the last lesson about the nature of God?

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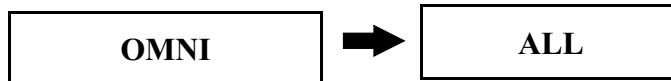
2. God is self-existent, very great, and eternal.

In this lesson we want to learn what God is like. We want to learn three things which show that God is the greatest.

God is:

- **omnipresent** - is present in all places at the same time.
- **omniscient** - knows all things.
- **omnipotent** - has all power.

In these three words we used “omni.”



Omnipresent is present in **all** places at the same time.

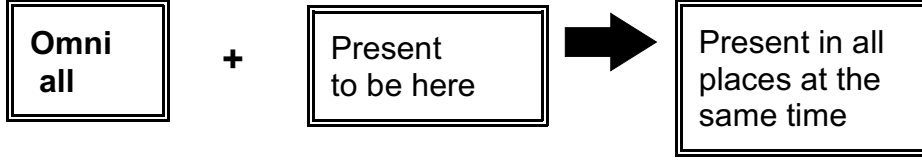
Omniscient is to know **all** things.

Omnipotent is to have **all** power.

“Omni” comes from a Latin word “omnis” which means all.

What does “omni” mean?

3. "Omni" means all. Let us see what God is like. He is **omnipresent**.



Psalm 139:7-12

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

Who can hide from God?

4. No one can hide from God. God is **omnipresent**. He is in heaven and He is on earth. He sees everything that is done at night as well as what is done during the day.

Acts 17:27

God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us.

Where is God?

5. God is not far from everyone of us. God is with us in Canada and also with the people who live in Africa. God is never divided, He is always a complete being. He is **omnipresent**.

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.



Why can no one hide from God?

6. No one can hide from God because He is **omnipresent**. God is present in all places at the same time, **but, He is not in everything like trees and animals.**

Most crimes are done at night. People think no one will see them, but they can never hide from God. God takes care of His children at night as well as during the day.

Psalm 4:8

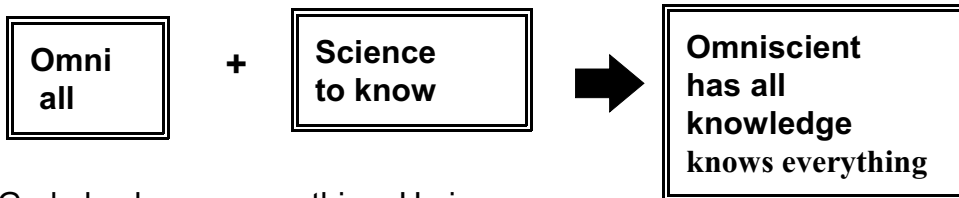
I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Proverbs 15:3

The eyes of the LORD are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good.

Why can God take care of us at night?

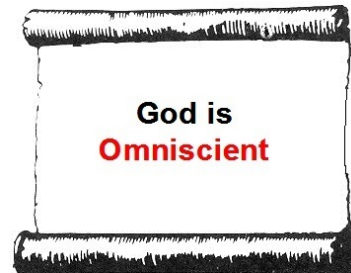
7. God is **omnipresent**. He can take care of us at night because He is everywhere at the same time.



God also knows everything. He is **omniscient**.

When we say God is **omniscient**, what do we mean?

8. We mean God knows everything. God knows Himself. He knows His thoughts, His plans, and His feelings. He knows what He will do in each and every problem on earth and in heaven. God is omniscient.



1 Corinthians 2:11

For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

Who is omniscient?

9. God is omniscient. He knows everything. He knows all people. He knows who they are and what they think, what they do, and what they will do.

Psalms 139:1-4

O LORD, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD.

Who knows everything every person thinks, says, and does?

10. God knows everything that people think, say, and do. He is omniscient. He knows what you are thinking, and you cannot hide your thoughts from God. God also knows what people **will** do and say.

Isaiah 46:9,10

Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.

You do not really know what you will do tomorrow.

Who **does know** what you will do tomorrow or next year?

11. God knows what you will do tomorrow. He also knows what will happen in the world in time to come. God is omniscient.

Psalms 147:5

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.

Also **read** Acts 15:16-18.

Because God knows what will happen, he can say (prophecy) what will happen. God knows which countries will fight each other, so He can prophesy that they will fight each other.

Because God knows everything, He is

12. God is omniscient. Because God knew where and when Jesus would be born, He could tell people about it.

Micah 5:2

But you, Bethlehem...out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.

Check the right answer.

- a) Because God knows what will happen, He can say it will happen.
- b) Because God says something will happen, He tries to make it happen.

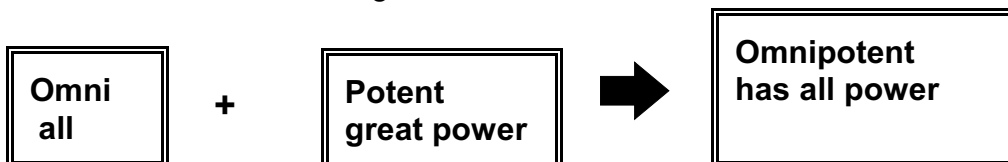
13. Because God knows what will happen, He can say it will happen.

What are two things we learned about God in this lesson?

God is:

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- **omnipotent** - He has all power

14. God is omnipresent and omniscient. He is in all places at the same time and He knows all things.



God is also **omnipotent**.

Genesis 17:1

When Abraham was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty (El Shaddai); walk before me and be blameless."

We learned the Hebrew name for God, El Shaddai. What is the English name?

15. The English name is the Almighty God. We can also say He is **omnipotent** - He has all power.



Job 42:2

I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted.

Jeremiah 32:17

Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.

Who has all power?

16. God has all power. He is omnipotent. Nothing is too hard for Him.

Matthew 19:26

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

Luke 1:37

For nothing is impossible with God.

God is in all places at the same time. He is omnipresent. God knows all things. He is omniscient.

God has all power. He is

17. God has all power. He is omnipotent.

There are a few things which God cannot do. We will take a quick look at them.

Habakkuk 1:13

Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrong.

2 Timothy 2:13

...he cannot disown himself. (He cannot say that he is not.)

Hebrews 6:18

. . .it is impossible for God to lie.

James 1:13

... for God cannot be tempted by evil.

God cannot look at sin, disown Himself, tell a lie, or sin. These things do not agree with His personality. God is pure and holy.

What can God not do because He is pure and holy?

18. God cannot sin or look upon sin. He is pure and holy. God also has power over His power. He controls His power. God lets people choose to do what they want to do. He invites people to come to Him, but He does not force them to come.

Matthew 11:28

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

What does it mean when we say, "God is omnipotent?"

19. We mean that God has all power. This is a comfort to the Christians. They can trust in God.

Isaiah 46:4

Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain

you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain (keep) you and I will rescue you.

Those who do not obey God are afraid of His power. They know He is stronger than they are.

Psalm 99:1

The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

The demons know God has all power and they are afraid.

James 2:19

You believe there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that - and shudder.

Who has all power?

20. God has all power. He is omnipotent. Someday everyone will bow down before God.

Why do you think it is better to bow down before God in this life, than to wait till God's day of judgment?

21. Let us talk about this with other people.

Write down three things which show that God is the greatest.

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