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Thoughts from our Pastor:

The Omniscience of God.

Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

How exactly is God Omniscience? This word derives from two words, omni – meaning all and science – knowledge. Therefore, we must understand that God has all knowledge, or that there is not anything God does not know. God did not become Omniscience over time, nor did God become Omniscience by looking into the future and seeing what would come to fulfillment. God never was non-Omniscience or all knowledge. Before creation, before anything else existed, when there was only God, He was Omniscience. For example God was omnipotent meaning – God is all power – omnipresent meaning – God is everywhere at one time, omnibenevolent meaning God is all good, kind, helpful, and generous. You can put Omni in front of anything God is because He is everything and all of everything. God has absolutely no limits, no changing, no adding to or taking away from Him. Before creation God knew everything because He is The Sovereign Being. If one reads the bible in its context then we will understand that we, as created beings are limited to time, knowledge, understanding, as well as everything else. God is limited to nothing, not in anything. Creation, everything and all of creation is limited to God's Will and God's glory. Even Satan and evil was created for God's own glory, "*The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.*" Proverbs 16:4 God, the Sovereign Being over all creation gave every creature the being it has and appointed it in its place and time. Satan was created to sin and fall, all the Angels that fell were created to fall, Adam and Eve were created to fall, all for God's glory. God said of Pharaoh, "*For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.*" Romans 9:17 All of this shows the Omniscience and Omnipotence of God without question. The Eternal, Self-existent, Sovereign God doing as He ordained to do without interference. The largest problem in the world is the lack of true understanding, of people's limited understanding the truth about God. How God deals our life, God said, "*For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.*" Acts 17:28 Let us not forget that God told us after He said we are saved by His grace and power in Ephesians 2:8 He told us in verse 10 that our entire life as a Believer is by His ordained will and power in Jesus Christ, "*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before*

ordained that we should walk in them.” Not just created to do them, but also to accomplish them by His grace and power. Now let’s look at Jeremiah the Prophet...

Jeremiah was not a single selection of God’s will and power, the fact is all of creation is the element of God’s will and power. Ever Christian, every church and member, every Christian in history, every person, everything in existence, every planet, galaxy, and star, all are under God’s will and power. God knew every believer that will ever be saved in Jesus Christ, and every lost soul that will never come to Christ. He knows every Pastor or teacher in every church or mission work because they were all placed by His will and power. He knows every true sermon or true thought because they all come from Him. He knew us before the world was ever created because He gave us to Jesus Christ before the world was created and even wrote our names in the Lambs book of life before creation. Revelation 17:8 *“The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.”* If there are names not written, then names must have been written before the foundation of the world. Besides God said, *“Known unto God **are all his works** from the beginning of the world.”* Acts 15:18 So, that answer is no, Jeremiah was not a single elected man or prophet God knew before the world was created, we all are whether we are saved or lost, going to be save or going to die lost, good or bad or pure evil, we are all what God ordained us to be before the world was created. God said this of Himself, *“Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God. (7) And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them shew unto them. (8) Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any.”* Isaiah 44:6 – 8 We are no different than Jeremiah, Moses, Noah, Abraham, the Apostle Paul, or any of the other innumerable people that God has dealt with, we all live, move, and have our being by the ordained will and power of God! I am what I am by the grace of God.

A Thought from Jonathan Edwards! (1703 – 1758)

Sinner! The God who holds you over the pit of Hell, much as one holds a spider—abhors you, and is dreadfully provoked! His wrath towards you burns like fire! He looks upon you as worthy of nothing else, but to be cast into the fire! The bow of God's wrath is bent, and His arrow is made ready upon the string. Justice points the arrow at your heart and strings the bow. It is nothing but the mere pleasure of God (and that of an angry God without any promise or obligation at all) that keeps the arrow one moment from being made drunk with your blood! Your wickedness makes you as it were heavy as lead, and to tend downwards with great weight and pressure towards Hell; and if God should let you go—you would immediately sink and swiftly descend and plunge into the bottomless gulf. Your healthy constitution, and your own care and prudence, and best contrivances, and all your righteousness, would have no more influence to uphold you and keep you out of Hell, than a spider's web would have to stop a falling rock!

A Thought from John Bunyan (1628–1688)

To lay hold of and receive the gospel by a true and saving faith is an act of the soul that has been made a new creature, which is the workmanship of God. Whoever receives the grace that is offered in the gospel...

they must be quickened by the power of God,
their eyes must be opened,
their understandings must be illuminated,
their ears must be unstopped,
their hearts must be circumcised,
their wills must be rectified,
and the Son of God revealed to them.