

Doctrinal Studies: God's Omniscience (Revelation 2:9)

[Read Revelation 2:8-11](#)

[Revelation 2:9](#) - "I know your tribulation and the poverty, but you are rich, and the blasphemy of the ones calling themselves Jews and they are not, but a synagogue of Satan."

Exegesis:

οἶδα (OIDE) – I Know (Perfect tense means continuous action; active voice, indicative mood, the mood of reality) Our Lord knows all about the tribulation and the poverty of the people of the church at Smyrna.

θλίψιν (PHLIPSIS) - Great pressure

πτωχείαν (PTOCHEIAN) - Poverty

ἀλλὰ (ALLA) - But (conjunction of contrast)

πλούσιος (PLOUSIOS) – [You are] rich.

OMNISCIENCE

God knows every thought, motive, decision, and action of every person in the human race.

The people of Smyrna are very unique people; sadly there are not very many such unique people in our day, because they are too selfish and self-preoccupied to focus their thinking on the Will of God or the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord knows the uniqueness of the commitment of these people of Smyrna to Him. He need not say, "I know your works", but rather that He knows their pressure and hardships; yet He declares them to be *rich*.

This verse contains an ellipsis at this point, and then follows with His Knowledge of the *blasphemy* of those who call themselves Jews, but are not.

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Acts 15:18

"Known unto God are all His Works from the beginning of the world"

Proverbs 5:21

"For the ways of a man are before the eyes of the Lord, and He watches all his paths."

Jeremiah 16:17

"For My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from My face, nor is their iniquity concealed from My eyes."

God sees us individually, thoroughly, and entirely!

Omniscience means that as He knows us, God fully knows Himself. He does not have omniscience, *He is omniscience.*

God knows all about this church at Smyrna, and the unique people of that church. How *unique* are we today, at Grace Bible Church?

He says, *I know the poverty you face, and how much pressure you are under.* Yet He declares them *rich.*

Romans 8:28 – *"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."*

God is Omniscient; His knowledge is total and complete. What we now know, *He has always known;* and He knew it in the smallest detail possible.

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SCRIPTURES:

- I. God is Omniscience – [1 Samuel 2:3; Job 26:6; 31:4-6; 34:21; Jeremiah 16:17; Ezekiel 11:5; Matthew 10:29-30; Psalm 139:1-6](#)
- II. God is infinite wisdom and understanding ([Psalm 44:21; 147:5](#)) [Proverbs 3:19; 5:21; 17:3; Isaiah 40:13-14; Jeremiah 17:10; 51:15; Romans 11:33; 1 John 3:20; Nahum 1:7](#)
- III. God knows the end from the beginning. Jesus says "I am the Alpha and the Omega" ([Acts 2:23; 15:18](#)).

From eternal ages past, all three members of the Trinity shared all ten characteristics of deity, which include *omniscience, omnipresence and omnipotence*. This is how These Three Persons *knew – and provided for* – the suffering, the poverty, the pressure and the faithfulness of these unique people of Smyrna.

God knows us far more than we know ourselves.