Job 34:21-22: 21 "For His eyes are upon the ways of a man, And He sees all his steps. 
22 There is no darkness or deep shadow Where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.

Psalms 90:8: Thou hast placed our iniquities before Thee, Our secret sins in the light of Thy presence.

S. Lewis Johnson \(^5\) summarizes God's knowledge like this:

- **Intuitive**: God knows everything by default, His knowledge exists within Himself
- **Simultaneous**: God knows everything in one simple act, instantaneously, not gradually
- **Independent**: God knows everything apart from any learning, He cannot learn, because He knows all things from eternity, His knowledge comes from Himself
- **Distinct**: God knows everything clearly, without ambiguity, specifically not generally, absolute
- **Infallible**: God's knowledge is unfailing, certain, accurate in every detail
- **Immutable**: God's knowledge never changes because He has never learned a new fact, it is not subject to anything outside of Himself
- **Complete**: God's knowledge is infinite, the scope or extent of it is exhaustive, He knows all things actual and possible, all events, all creatures of the past, present and future.

Consider how God's knowledge is related to His Sovereignty. Since God is all-knowing, nothing can escape His attention or surprise Him. He is intimately aware of everything at all times, knowing it all from before the creation of the world. God knows everything _freely_ because He has both willed everything to be and providentially brought it about.

Ephesians 1:9-11: 9 He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him \(^6\) with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him \(^7\) also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will.

**Summary** - See chart on God's Knowledge and Power, page 17.

**Question #19**: Study the chart, "God's Knowledge and Power," on page 17. Then _briefly_ describe the connection between omniscience and omnipotence.

**Question #20**: Why are omniscience and omnipotence necessary elements of sovereignty?

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\(^5\) Taken from a sermon delivered at Believer's Chapel, Dallas Theological Seminary, date uncertain.
Isaiah 40:28 - 28 Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, Does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable. NASB

Psalm 147:5 - 5 Great is our Lord, and abundant in strength; His understanding is infinite. NASB

Psalm 115:3 - 3 But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases. NASB

Jeremiah 32:17 - 17 Ah Lord GOD! Behold, Thou hast made the heavens and the earth by Thy great power and by Thine outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for Thee, NASB
The Sovereignty of God
Part 2: God’s Dominion - In Creation

God’s sovereignty is expressed in His creative works. His power brought everything into being, His wisdom designed all the intricate details of the universe, and His beauty is reflected in all that we see. All the creative works of God exist in perfect balance. This is truly amazing!

Psalm 19:1-6: 1 The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands. 2 Day to day pours forth speech, And night to night reveals knowledge. 3 There is no speech, nor are there words; Their voice is not heard. 4 Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their utterances to the end of the world. In them He has placed a tent for the sun. 5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber; It rejoices as a strong man to run his course. 6 Its rising is from one end of the heavens, And its circuit to the other end of them; And there is nothing hidden from its heat.

The sovereignty of God in creation can be seen in many ways. When God made the world out of nothing, He created by His own pleasure and will. He made the heavens and the earth in all of their glorious array exactly the way He wanted. Consider the following quote from AW Pink: “In the great expanse of eternity, which stretches behind Genesis 1:1, the universe was unborn and creation existed only in the mind of the great Creator. In His sovereign majesty God dwelt all alone. We refer to that far distant period before the heavens and the earth were created. There were then no angels to hymn God’s praises, no creatures to occupy His notice, no rebels to be brought into subjection. The great God was all alone amid the awful silence of His own vast universe. But even at that time, if time it could be called, God was sovereign. He might create or not create according to His own good pleasure. He might create this way or that way; He might create one world or one million worlds, and who was there to resist His will? He might call into existence a million different creatures and place them on absolute equality, endowing them with the same faculties and placing them in the same environment; or, He might create a million creatures each differing from the others, and possessing nothing in common save their creaturehood, and who was there to challenge His right? . . . Behold then the exercise of Divine sovereignty long before man ever saw the light. With whom took God counsel in the creation and disposition of His creatures. See the birds as they fly through the air, the beasts as they roam the earth, the fishes as they swim in the sea, and then ask, Who was it that made them to differ? Was it not their Creator who sovereignly assigned their various locations and adaptations to them?”

Everything God did in creation, He did alone. There was no one to consult regarding its vast design.

Isaiah 44:24: Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, and the one who formed you from the womb, “I, the LORD, am the maker of all things, Stretching out the heavens by Myself, And spreading out the earth all alone.”

Consider how God has made everything so distinctive, and yet He holds it all in perfect balance! His sovereignty is expressed in every aspect of His creation. Consider “outer space,” for example.

1 Corinthians 15:40-41: 40 There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one, and the glory of the earthly is another. 41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

Or the earth:

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Proverbs 8:28-29: 28When He made firm the skies above, When the springs of the deep became fixed, 29When He set for the sea its boundary, So that the water should not transgress His command, When He marked out the foundations of the earth; God is the one who endows His creatures with various powers as He see fit. Consider the germ or the ant, the elephant or the whale, or even mankind and angels. With what power, wisdom and beauty God has fitted His creatures with various powers and freedoms!

Genesis 1:20-23: 20Then God said, “Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of the heavens.” 21And God created the great sea monsters, and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind; and God saw that it was good. 22And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” 23And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.

When God placed man upon the earth, He did it sovereignly – as He saw fit. He determined the exact places where the nations would dwell and the specific times they would occupy in the annals of history.

Acts 17:24-26: 24The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; 25nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all life and breath and all things; 26and He made one, every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times, and the boundaries of their habitation,

With what goodness God has made His creation! He has graced the earth with birds and bees, flowers and the trees! And what about our bodies? They are perfectly paired with our creative minds, enabling us to do what we will. How delightful to contemplate the rich flavors of our favorite meal or to simply appreciate plain old vittles to fill our hungry bellies. How we enjoy the tingling rush of a hot fire on a cold winter’s night or the sweet butterfly kisses of a precious young daughter! Oh the magnificence of the goodness of God! How many large volumes would it take to describe the riches of His kindness to us? We could spend a lifetime considering the loveliness of God’s creation – but how much more lovely is the One from whom it all flows! How vast is the sum of His goodness? How shall we respond to the sovereign majesty and goodness of God? With simple gratitude and a heart of thanksgiving shall we acknowledge His wonderful goodness to us!

1 Timothy 4:4-5: 4For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, if it is received with gratitude; 5for it is sanctified by means of the word of God and prayer.

God does everything with specific intention and intricate detail. The Scripture plainly declares that when God’s purpose for the first creation is fulfilled, He will destroy it and create another. He clearly exercises supreme authority over what He has made. Does not the potter have a right over the clay?

Hebrews 1:10-12: 10And, “Thou, LORD, in the beginning didst lay the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the works of Thy hands; 11They will perish, but Thou remainest; And they all will become old as a garment, 12And as a mantle Thou wilt roll them up; As a garment they will also be changed. But Thou art the same, And Thy years will not come to an end.”

Isaiah 51:6: “Lift up your eyes to the sky, Then look to the earth beneath; For the sky will vanish like smoke, And the earth will wear out like a garment, And its inhabitants will die in like manner, But My salvation shall be forever, And My righteousness shall not wane.