## The-Ology Island Series #4



## The Omni-Controversy

**Captains Log:** We are still preparing ourselves for serious battle with the Ism-Pirates. These last couple of messages were aimed at preparing to battle these pirates. They are intended to get our mind focused on who God is and to be skilled at spotting false beliefs.

**Roll Call/Treasure Hunt:** Here are the attributes of Yahweh that we are studying today.

**I. Omniscience** (unlimited knowledge)

**Psalm 147:5** Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding has no limit. (BSB)

**Psalm 139:1-6, 23** O LORD, You have searched me and known me. You know when I sit and when I rise; You understand my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down; You are aware of all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, You know all about it, O LORD. You hem me in behind and before; You have laid Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. (BSB)

**Hebrews 4:13** Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight; everything is uncovered and exposed before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account. (BSB)

- **A.** There is no limit to the *mind* of God.
- **B.** God's *foreknowledge* is unlimited.
- C. We will be held accountable.
- **II. Omnipresence** (everywhere at the same time)

**Psalm 139:7-12** Where can I go to escape Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to the heavens, You are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, You are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle by the farthest 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 is not dark to You, but the night shines like the day, for darkness is as light to You. (BSB)

Jeremiah 23:23-24 "Am I only a God nearby," declares the Lord, "and not a God far away?" "Can a man hide in secret places where I cannot see him?" declares the Lord. "Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?" declares the Lord." (BSB)

- **A.** God is **everywhere**. He is without the limit of space.
- **B.** We cannot <u>hide</u> from God.
- **III.** Omnipotence (all powerful)
  - **Genesis 17:1** When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty. walk before Me and be blameless. (BSB)
  - **Jeremiah 32:17** "Oh, Lord GOD! You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too difficult for You! (BSB)
    - A. He is Almighty.
    - **B.** Nothing is too <u>difficult</u> for Him.
- IV. Omnibenevolent (all loving)
  - **Psalm 36:7** How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings. (BSB)
  - **Romans 8:38-39** For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor principalities, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (BSB)
  - 1 John 4:8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. (BSB)
    - A. He is totally concerned with what is **best** for us.
    - B. God is *love*.

Crew Huddle / Ism-Pirates: Here is a basic criticism that you will receive from Ism-Pirates when you claim to believe in Yahweh.

- **Q:** "If God (Yahweh) is all knowing, everywhere at the same time, and all powerful why doesn't He prevent bad things from happening?"
- A: There are many answers to this. One that I find that is helpful is that God allows bad things to happen in order to provide opportunities for Him to <u>work</u>. Sin has <u>broken</u> creation and it cannot be fixed. However, in the brokenness there are opportunities for Him to <u>renew</u> creation. He allows <u>death</u> in order for there to be a <u>resurrection</u>. The product that resurrection produces is what He was out to create from the beginning.

**Romans 8:28** And we know that God works all things together for the good of those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose. (BSB)

Set Course: Next week we will begin to look at logical arguments for the existence of God. These are not Scripture based per se, but they are definitely backed up by Scripture. Remember: All truth is God's Truth! We are on a journey to help to spot lies when we see them.