

A satellite view of Earth from space, showing the curvature of the planet, a bright sun rising over the horizon, and city lights at night.

**DOES GOD KNOW
THE FUTURE?**

GOD'S NATURE

- **Omnipresent**

In all places

- **Omnipotent**

Is all powerful

- **Omniscience**

Is all knowing

Predictability factor

Cause to happen

Know the future



MODELS OF HOW GOD COULD VIEW THE FUTURE

ONE

Classic Calvinism

- God is SOVEREIGN (Reign – rule)
- God has all power; absolute; complete control
- Sovereignty equals CAUSE!
- If God has the power, He uses the power – nothing happens that God does not cause to happen.
- God knows the future because He knows what He is going to make happen.
- Does not happen once in a while: all the time!

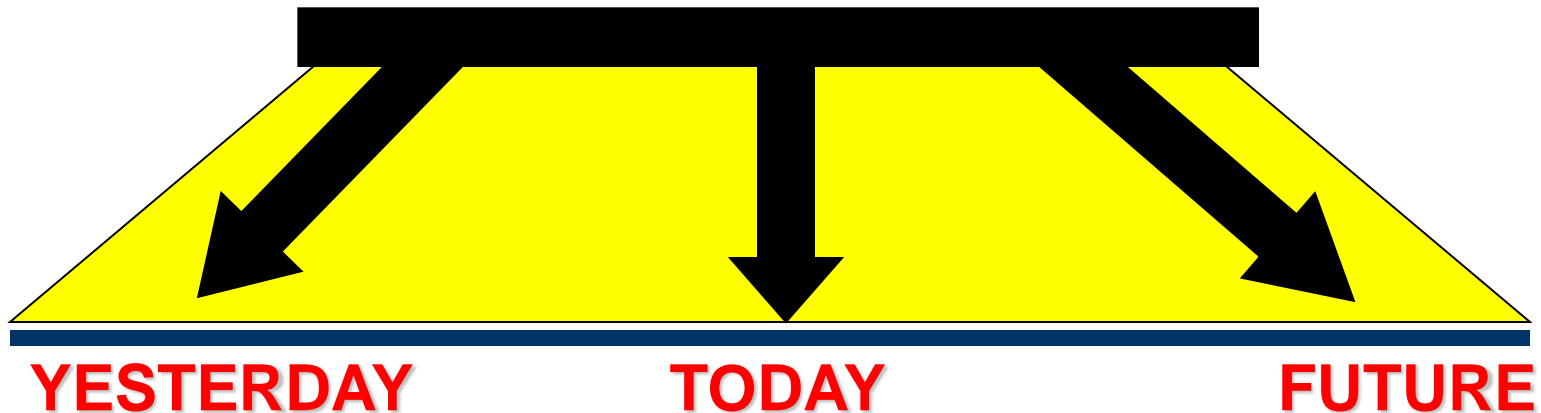
MODELS OF HOW GOD COULD VIEW THE FUTURE

TWO

Moderated View

God sees the FUTURE because He is ABOVE it.

God knows the FUTURE because He SEES it.



God does not cause them to happen but He can see the event before it happens.

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THREE

Open View

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GOD



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Titus 1:2

Cannot lie

Isaiah 59:2

Cannot dwell with sin

MAN HAS FREE WILL



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- God knows all that can be known.
- There are things in the future that can't be known because they have not happened yet.
- We have free will in those matters.
- Unless God does it Himself; makes it happen, it is not fixed until it happens.

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Open View

- God created the world and at times He intervenes in earthly affairs. He makes it happen.

Bethlehem Ephrathah: Micah 5:2; Matthew 2

- Yet, God created man to have free will.
- God does not exercise His will over our free will.
- God does not possess exhaustive knowledge of how we will use our freedoms; though He can predict with great accuracy what we will do.



TONIGHT

GOD'S ABILITY TO KNOW THE FUTURE.

**HOW THE OPEN MODEL FITS THOSE PASSAGES
BETTER THAN THE CALVINIST VIEW OR
MODERATED VIEW.**



Acts 2:38

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.