

Eleutheros Newsletter

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News of Interest

Recently, by God's grace, 80 copies of *The Ramifications of Our Salvation* were printed in Kenya and distributed to Rev. Gama A. Ondere in Nambale-Bosia, Kenya!

Here is what he wrote:

Greetings Rev. John,

I hereby humbly submit that on behalf of my church (Bungoma Kenya Assemblies Church) we are indeed grateful for the donation of books.

I gave the books to the church leaders yesterday and they were very happy and overjoyed. May God continue to inspire you more and more as you write the inspired books that are tailored to expand the Kingdom of God.

God bless you richly!

Below are photos containing me handing over books to the church leaders.

--Pastor Gama A. Ondere

Attached are pictures of him giving the books to leaders in his ministry.

God is good!

If you would like to learn more about efforts like this, read further.

Feel free to check out the Eleutheros Books Global Fund:

<https://www.purecharity.com/Eleutheros-books-global-fund>

Christian books to very needy people: Africa, India, Russia, the Middle East, and Spanish speaking countries!

All donations are tax deductible.

Yours in His Service, John Rataczak

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The Role of God the Father in Our Salvation

Part 2

In last month's newsletter we considered the *sovereignty of God* and how it pertains to the salvation of mankind. Briefly stated, because God is the Creator and Sustainer of all things, He has the *right* to tell us what to do, what to be, and what to believe.

He not only has that right, but He also has exercised that right.

Many today, even in Christian circles, tend to make God much less than Who He truly is. They seem to think that God is powerful enough to do certain things but is surprised at man's reactions to His will and ways.

In other words, whether they realize it or not, they are making God "puny."

In this newsletter we will consider the knowledge and foreknowledge of the Father and how they help us understand His role in our salvation.

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([Romans 8:29](#)).

One inescapable fact is that God knows far more than man. To say it simply, God knows all things; man knows some things. Perhaps the following illustration will explain this.

Serious baseball fans know quite a bit about their favorite teams and players. They can explain to anyone who will listen such things as how many World Series titles their team has won, what the lifetime batting average of its best players were, and what the names of all the regular players were for the past several years.

Sometimes these fans seem to have a never-ending knowledge, but even the most aware fans cannot give the same information about all the other teams in major league baseball.

When it comes to foreknowledge, all a fan can do is "guess" about things. For instance, will the 7:00 game tomorrow night start on time or will there be a rain delay? Which team will win and what will the final score be? How many hits will the first baseman get in that game?

Quite obviously, no mere fan can know all the history or foreknow all the history of baseball.

God, however, knows AND foreknows *all things*. Consider the following Biblical facts about these subjects.

God knows all things:

1. He knows man's thoughts. *O Lord, Thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, Thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compasses my path...* ([Psalm 139:1-3a](#)).
2. He knows man's needs. *Be not ye like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask Him* ([Matthew 6:8](#)).
3. He knows man's works. *The Lord looketh from heaven: He beholdeth the sons of men. From the place of His habitation He looketh upon the inhabitants of the earth. He fashioned their hearts alike; He considereth all their works* ([Psalm 33:13-15](#)).
4. He knows all about His vast creation. *He telleth the number of the stars; He calleth them all by their names* ([Psalm 147:4](#)).
5. He knows all spiritual things. *O the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of*

God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! For who hath known the of the Lord? Or who hath been His counselor ([Romans 11:33-34](#))?

6. He knows every detail about man. *But the very hairs of your head are numbered ([Matthew 10:30](#)).*
7. He knows about the *possibilities* of events. *Woe unto thee, Chorazin! Woe unto thee, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in thee had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes ([Matthew 11:21](#)).*

And thou Capernaum, which art exalted in heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: For if mighty works which had been done in thee had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day ([Matthew 11:23](#)).

8. He knows all things! *I know that Thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from Thee ([Job 42:2](#)).*

God foreknows all things:

1. He knew about the crucifixion of His Son before creation. *Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain ([Acts 2:23](#)).*

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot; Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you ([I Peter 1:18-19](#)).

2. His foreknowledge is infinite. *Great is our Lord, and of great power: His understanding is infinite ([Psalm 147:5](#)).*

Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with Whom we have to do ([Hebrews 4:13](#)).

God foreknows who will be saved.

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bythia, Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father...([I Peter 1:1-2a](#)).

For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son ([Romans 8:29a](#)).

Can anyone sincerely doubt, based on these verses, that God was aware that man would fall into sin before He created the earth?

Just as important, can anyone doubt that God would know how to solve man's terrible sin problem?

We will consider more of the Father's role in our salvation in next month's newsletter.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*Immortal, invisible
God only wise
In light inaccessible
His from our eyes.
Most blessed, most glorious,
The Ancient of days,
Almighty, victorious,
Thy great name we praise!*