

## LECTURE 2:

### Solutions limiting God's attributes (Part 1): divine *omniscience*

#### The Case for the Socinian Denial of Foreknowledge

- I. **Introduction:**
- II. **How Socinians limit God's omniscience:**
  - A. What God *does* know:
  - B. The twofold sense in which God's foreknowledge is denied:
    1. Regarding free actions
    2. Regarding results of free actions
- III. **Why they limit God's omniscience (part 1)—philosophical reasons:**
  - A. Nature of moral culpability involved in foreknowing
  - B. Nature of love
  - C. Nature of human freedom
  - D. Nature of the future
  - E. Nature of authentic personal relationships
  - F. Nature of prayer
- IV. **Why they limit God's omniscience (part 2)—biblical reasons:**
  - A. God regrets his actions
  - B. God changes his mind
  - C. God tests his people to learn about them
  - D. God is ignorant about the future
- V. **The Socinian explanation of prophecies:**

#### Refutation of the Socinian Denial of Foreknowledge

- VI. **Reply to the biblical case for limiting God's knowledge**
  - A. The hermeneutical debate
  - B. God's divinity proven by his inability to change his mind:
  - C. God's divinity proven by his foreknowledge of future events, including personal actions:
  - D. Explanation of Socinian proof-texts:
- VII. **Reply to the philosophical case for limiting God's knowledge:**
  - A. [We will postpone the replies to the arguments from moral culpability of foreknowing, from divine love, and from human freedom]
  - B. Reply to the argument from the nature of the future:
  - C. Reply to the argument from authentic personal relationships
  - D. Reply to the argument from prayer
- VIII. **The crowning reply: the Socinian solution, far from answering the problem of evil, only exasperates it!**
  - A. God is reckless and irresponsible
  - B. Our victory not guaranteed