

Rosh Hashanah (Feast of Trumpets) – Sunday, September 25 (5783)

Yom Kippur – Tuesday, October 4

Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles) – Sunday, October 9

Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah – Sunday-Monday, October 16-17

Days before the Jewish high holy days of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, Hamas, the terrorist organization that runs Gaza, vowed a “religious war” against Israel over what it called “violations against Jerusalem and the Al-Aqsa Mosque”.

The Islamist ire is over the rise in Jewish visits to Judaism’s holiest site.

Speaking at a press conference in Gaza’s Omari Mosque,

Mahmud Zahar, a senior member of Hamas, warned

“the continuation of the Zionist aggression and their brutality against Jerusalem and the holy shrines will be the cause of a major battle.”

God has never learned and cannot learn

He knows instantly and with a fullness of perfection that includes every possible item of knowledge concerning everything that exists or could have existed anywhere in the universe at any time in the past or that may exist in the centuries or the ages yet unborn

Because God knows all things perfectly, He knows no thing better than any other thing, but all things equally as well. He is never surprised, never amazed.

God, therefore, knows no more now than he did before; and at the end of the world, he shall know no more than he doth now; and from eternity, he knows no less than he doth now, and shall do to eternity.

All the knowledge in any creature is from God. And you must allow God a greater and more perfect knowledge than any creature hath, yea, than all creatures have. All the drops of knowledge any creature hath, come from God; and all the knowledge in every creature, that ever was, is, or shall be, in the whole mass, was derived from him.

The Existence and Attributes of God - Stephen Charnock

Who has understood the mind of the Lord,
or instructed him as his counselor?

Whom did the Lord consult to enlighten him,
and who taught him the right way?

Who was it that taught him knowledge
or showed him the path of understanding?

Isaiah 40:13-14

But God remembered Noah
and all the wild animals and the livestock
that were with him in the ark...

Genesis 8:1

"For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more."

Jeremiah 31:34

The Sovereign Lord has given me an instructed tongue,
to know the word that sustains the weary.
He wakens me morning by morning,
wakens my ear to listen like one being taught.

Isaiah 50:4

And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature,
and in favor with God and men. Luke 2:52

"No one knows about that day or hour,
not even the angels in heaven,
nor the Son, but only the Father."
Matthew 24:36

Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
but made himself nothing,
taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

Philippians 2:6-7

The 5 Points of Calvinism

John Calvin – 1509-1564

Total Depravity

Sin controls every part of man. He is spiritually dead and blind, and unable to obey, believe, or repent. He continually sins, for his nature is completely evil.

The 5 Points of Arminianism

Jacobus Arminius – 1560-1609

Free Will

Sin does not control man's will. He is sick and near-sighted, but still able to obey, believe and repent. He does not continually sin, for his nature is not completely evil.

Calvinism

Unconditional Election

God chose the elect solely on the basis of His free grace, not anything in them. He has a special love for the elect. God left the rest to be damned for their sins.

Arminianism

Conditional Election

God chose the elect on the basis of their foreseen faith. He loves all men equally. God passed over no one, but gives everyone an equal chance to be saved.

Calvinism

Limited Atonement

Christ died especially for the elect, and paid a definite price for them that guaranteed their salvation.

Arminianism

Universal Atonement

Christ died equally for all men, and paid a provisional price that made salvation possible for all but guaranteed it for none.

Calvinism

Irresistible Grace

Saving grace is irresistible, for the Holy Spirit is invincible and intervenes in man's heart. He sovereignly gives the new birth, faith and repentance to the elect.

Arminianism

Resistible Grace

Saving grace is resistible, for God does not overrule man's free will. Man is born again after he believes, for faith and repentance are not gifts of God.

Calvinism

Perseverance of the Saints

God preserves all the elect and causes them to persevere in faith and obedience to the end. None are continually back-slidden or finally lost.

Arminianism

Falling from Grace

Only a few Christians continue in faith and obedience to the end (Arminians are divided over whether one can actually lose his salvation).