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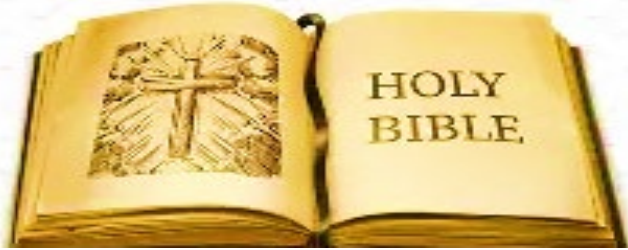


**“Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive His approval.”<sup>1</sup> This is about Knowing God and Being Known by God! It is safe to say that the purpose of God in creating human beings in a unique way, unlike other creatures, is that they would Know Him and relate with Him on a personal basis, in line with the rules and regulations He will give to them. To make this possible, He created human beings in His own Image and Likeness. He then put His Living Breathe (Spirit) into them for them to become living beings, capable of relating with Him.<sup>2</sup> Scripture records that, God regularly visited to have relationship/Fellowship with the first man and woman – Adam and Eve.<sup>3</sup> This was about a Personal relationship, indicating that God is a Personal God, who spoke directly to people. This fellowship was broken only when human beings decided not to keep their side of the Terms of Relationship.<sup>4</sup> From this first time of disobedience, an act which amounted to rebellion, and engineered by satan – lucifer, who had first revolted against God with the support of 33% of spirit beings, human beings have continued in this pattern of disobedience and rebellion!<sup>5</sup> Human beings Decide NOT TO KNOW GOD AS HE STATED THAT HE SHOULD BE KNOWN<sup>6</sup> But this did not change the plan and purpose of God for human beings. In the midst of a disobedient and rebellious people, He found Noah, and then Abraham, and then the Israelites. Through these people, He worked at restoring that personal relationship with human beings.<sup>7</sup> In frustration, He spoke through Prophet Amos concerning the Israelites, and said, *“You only have I known of all the families of the earth; therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.” And the reason for this, was that they were no longer keeping to their agreement with God, which led to their iniquities. So, the Prophet stated further, “Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?”<sup>8</sup>***

The Christian life is a journey, with a beginning in the Act of accepting the gift of Salvation, and ends in Eternity with Christ- like the journey of the Israelites through the Wilderness. There was a beginning – Egypt, and an end – Canaan Land. **Anyone, group, or organization, will make a shipwreck of a journey if they start out without a knowledge of where they are going to, and in the case of a group or organization, who is leading the group or organization. But to know requires a personal as well as group or corporate effort, that is deliberate, and intentional.** Moses spent hours and days in an effort to know God, the One who had commanded their journey from Egypt, and to hear and receive clear instructions from Him, in order to be able to lead the people. **So, it is recorded that Moses Knew God, who spoke with him face to face as a friend with a friend.<sup>9</sup> But the people being led did not know God, did not even want to know Him, were not interesting in knowing about their destination, but just wanted blessings – miracles.<sup>10</sup> The result is that many perished on the journey and never made it to their destination.<sup>11</sup> And even among those who made it, many perished the moment they began to stop knowing and living by the knowledge of the One Who brought them to their destination.<sup>12</sup> Moses went to great lengths and made several efforts to teach the people in order that they will know the One who commanded their journey and who is giving them a place to possess, but with little success.<sup>13</sup> Recently, we examined one of the texts, which was a challenge that God gave to the children of Israel through Moses, after He had brought them out of Egypt, and had led them for forty (40) years through the wilderness. **Its essence, is about Obedience, required from a people, who should be grateful for what had been given to them.<sup>14</sup>****

Christianity is like the Journey in the wilderness, and Christians are like the Israelites. God wanted the Israelites to know Him in a personal way and so decided to make His Tabernacle with them during the journey through the Wilderness.<sup>15</sup> Moses as a leader, operated in a two-fold manner – Prophet and Judge, foreshadowing Jesus Christ, who is Prophet, Priest, and Judge/King. Just like God used Moses to show the way and to give instructions to the Israelites, so God the Father, has used Jesus Christ to give us instructions and showed us the way to Himself. **“Long ago, God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. And now in these final days, He has spoken to us through His Son (Jesus Christ).<sup>16</sup> Moses commanded the people to know the Almighty God, so that they will be able to serve and live with Him in an acceptable manner.<sup>17</sup> His way of life also clearly displayed how to serve God, and the need for obedience to God.<sup>18</sup> This is exactly the same thing Jesus did, when He took the form of a human being to live among us, and died to pay the price for our sin.<sup>19</sup> He commanded that we know Father, know Him, and live as light and salt so that we can show the way of salvation to others.<sup>20</sup> He instructed the people to search (study) the Scriptures in order to know Him and His doctrines.<sup>21</sup> The Disciples were to do the same, teach people all that He has taught them, and make disciples from all the nations of the world.<sup>22</sup> This Jesus not only have the mandate to save the world, He also has the**

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mandate to give eternal life to people who believe in Him, from the Almighty God.<sup>23</sup> So, when He gave the instruction to make the efforts to know Him, it is not just an appeal, but a commandment. **Therefore, to Know God, is a commandment, and commandment needs obedience, with disobedience carrying the punishment of not receiving the intended rewards.**<sup>24</sup> About half of the adult population of the people who left Egypt perished in the wilderness because of disobedience.<sup>25</sup> Several thousands, if not millions more perished at different times in the promised Land, again, due to disobedience. The kingdom that God had used King David to build crumbled and was divided because of disobedience.<sup>26</sup> Saul, the first king of Israel lost the kingship because of disobedience, and Judas Iscariot lost his place among the apostles also because of disobedience.<sup>27</sup> **It is not an exaggeration that many in the Church today will not make it to Heaven with the Lord Jesus Christ because of Disobedience that makes them not to Know the God and Lord that they claim to serve.**<sup>28</sup> **The people of the world today, especially Christians must be careful, because we serve, and are living under the same Almighty God. What He did in the past because of disobedience, stubbornness, and ignorance about Him, He will still do in our age and times.**<sup>29</sup>

This Almighty God said severally in the Old Testament, that **“So, all the world from east to west will Know there is no other God. I am the LORD, and THERE IS NO other.”**<sup>30</sup> Jesus, in what is referred to as His High Priestly prayer, said, **“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son so He can give glory back to You. For You have given Him authority over everyone. He gives eternal life to each one You have given Him. And this is the way to have eternal life – to know You, the Only True God, and Jesus Christ, the One You sent to earth. I pray that they will all be one, just as You and I are one – as You are in Me, Father, and I am in You. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.”**<sup>31</sup> [emphasis mine]. The Scriptures further tell us that people perish because they are ignorant of the Truth (Jesus Christ).<sup>32</sup> But they do not have to be ignorant, because **“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip His people to do every good work.”**<sup>33</sup> This is the Scripture that we are commanded to work hard on so that we can receive God’s approval, and know how to be a good worker for Him. **Therefore, it is a deliberate and intentional choice not to Know God your Creator, and to serve Him in the way acceptable to Him. Consequently, to receive the corresponding punishment for not knowing God, is the result of a deliberate decision.**<sup>34</sup>

### *Have A God Centred And Focussed 2026.*

**Further & Daily Readings: 2Tim.2:10-21; Isaiah 45:5-12. 1. 2Tim.2:15; 2. Gen.1:26-27; 2:7; 3. Gen. 3:8; 4. Gen.3:1-8; 5. Rev.12:3-4, 7-9; Isaiah 14:10-21; 6. Rom. 1:18-25; 10:1-3; 7. Exd. 20:1-17;25:1-9; 8. Amos 3:2-3; 9. Num.12:7-8; 10. Exd. 19:3-6; 20:18-21; 11. Num. 14:20-35; 12. Judges 2:11-15; 13. Deut.4-8; 14. Deut.10:12-13 15. Exd..19:3-9; 25:1-9; 16. Heb.1:1-4; 17. Deut.31:25-30, 32:1-47; 18. Deut. 34:10-12, Heb. 3:10-12; 19. Phil.2:5-8; 1Jn.2:2; 20. Matt.5:13-16; Jn.17:2-3; 21. Jn.5:38-40; 22. Mark 3:13-15.Matt.28:18-20; 23. Jn..6:35-40, 53-58; 17:2; 24. 2Cor.5:10;Rev.20:10-15; 21:8; 25. Num.14:29; 26 1Kings 12:16-19; 2Chrons.36:15-21; 27. 1Sam.15:22-23, 26; Matt.27:3-5; 28.Matt.7:21-23; 29. Mal.3:5-6; 30 Isaiah 45:5-7; Ezek.38:18-23; 31.Jn.17:1-3, 21; 32. Jn.14:6; 18:37-38;33.2Tim.3:16-17; 34.2Cor.5:10; Rev.20:11-15.**