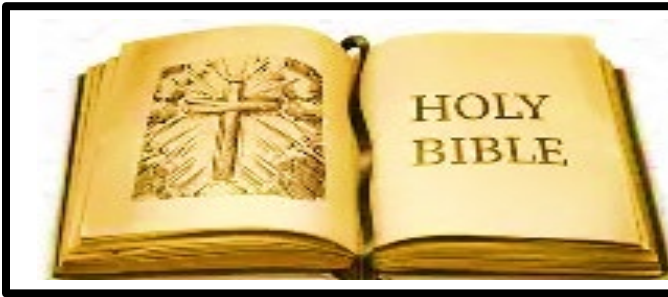


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“But those who which to boast should boast in this alone: that they truly know Me and understand that I am the LORD who demonstrates unfailing love and who brings justice and righteousness to the earth, and that I delight in these things. I, the LORD, have spoken!”¹ Human ignorance of the Almighty God is a deliberate act of choice, “Because when they knew and recognized Him as God, they did not honor and glorify Him as God or give Him thanks. But instead they became futile and godless in their thinking [with vain imaginings, foolish reasoning, and stupid speculations] and their senseless minds were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools [professing to be smart, they made simpletons of themselves].”² And this is further due to the fact that, “people loved darkness more than light, for their actions were evil.” as Jesus stated.³

For those who want to know the Almighty God, what does it mean to know God? How do they begin with this knowledge of the God who fills the whole universe and beyond? And what do they need to do in order to know Him? These are a few preliminary but fundamental questions, which must be honestly answered before any real progress in the knowledge of the Almighty God can be made. **The starting point for anyone who desires to know God is the acceptance and acknowledgement that the God in question is the Almighty, and the Creator of ALL THINGS, including pony, broken, and futile human beings. And that as Creator, He exercises authority over ALL THINGS, including human beings. To know God requires, “... that they truly know Me and understand that I am the LORD who demonstrates unfailing love and who brings justice and righteousness to the earth, and that I delight in these things.”⁴ This is in line with the key verse that we have considered in the last two weeks, which states that, “Anyone who wants to come to Him Must Believe that God Exists.”⁵ And also in line with God’s self-declaration: “I am the Lord, and there is no one else; there is no God besides Me. That men may know from the east and the rising of the sun and from the west and the setting of the sun that there is no God besides Me. I am the Lord, and no one else [is He]. I form the light and create darkness, I make peace [national well-being] and I create [physical] evil (calamity); I am the Lord, who does all these things.”⁶ These are basic and fundamental facts and principles that must be known and accepted by anyone and all who desires to know God.**

So, this God that you desire to know exercises authority over ALL CREATION, and that includes you! This is one major hindrance for modern man (human beings), who is so obsessed with power and control, and desires to exercise unlimited authority but would not submit to and be under any. Modern man must however know and accept that he can only live and do what God allows, his seeming great accomplishments outside the acknowledgment of God notwithstanding. A further challenge to humans having the true knowledge of God, is the Love-Nature of God – His Lovingkindness.⁷ This Nature of God, seems to generally overrule His Omnipotent Nature; this characteristic we call Grace and Mercy,⁸ which is what causes Him to allow disobedient, stubborn, and evil human beings not only to live, but also carry out and get away with wicked and evil schemes. This Eternal, Omniscient, and Supreme God “gives sunlight both to the evil and the good, and He sends rain on the just and the unjust alike.”⁹ Moreover, as Creator and Father, He is not interested in the death of anyone; but is longsuffering so that they will repent and be saved.¹⁰ The ignorant, proud, and evil man then smiles to himself and says, where is God? He cannot do anything to me!¹¹ But human stupidity, pride, arrogance, stubbornness, and evil behaviours cannot stop or change God’s Nature as the One, “who demonstrates unfailing love, and delights in doing so.”¹² Therefore, while futile human beings rejoice in temporary victory, he does not know, or believe that although God is all Loving, He is also the Just God and Judge of the universe, who will vindicate His righteousness.¹³ The loving Nature of God, His Grace, and Mercies are not indications of weakness, and are not an approval to continue in evil actions¹⁴ and that a stubborn and callous persistence in evil, are only invitations for and a preparation for the eventual judgment of God upon evil doers.¹⁵ The seeming victory and invincibility of human beings are very short-lived, as the Bible and human history teaches that God always have the last laugh.¹⁶ If it were possible, go and ask Kings Nebuchadnezzar, the Pharaoh of Egypt, Charles1, and Abacha of Nigeria, to mention just a few. Furthermore, Psalm 73 provides a detailed explanation about the end of wicked human beings who take pleasure in doing evil and acquiring all the good things of this earth. When God eventually acts to vindicate His Holiness and Righteousness, people cannot help but exclaim, “Great and marvellous are



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your works, O Lord God, the Almighty. Just and True are Your ways, O King of the nations. Who will not Fear You, Lord, and Glorify Your Name? For You alone are Holy. All nations will Come and Worship before You, for Your Righteous Deeds have been Revealed.”¹⁷ [emphasis mine].

But God wants human beings, whom He made the crown of His creation to know Him and relate with Him; therefore, He does not always display His anger and displeasure against the wrong doings of human beings.¹⁸ So, what do human beings need to do in order to know Him? The answer is do nothing; only accept the way God has declared for knowing Him. **“And now in these final days, He has spoken to us through His Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance, and through the Son He created the universe.”¹⁹** When the people of Bible time asked what they can do to know and be reconciled to God on the day of Pentecost, they were told: **“Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”²⁰** Jesus Himself stated, **“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through Me.”²¹** And He told Nicodemus, **“You must be born again.”²²** He further stated, **“Now this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent.”²³** Human beings can come back to God only through the act of faith on the finished work of Jesus Christ who has been made the acceptable sacrifice for our sin.²⁴ **This is the third hindrance to knowing God by human beings. The pride which destroyed satan,²⁵ which he in turn sold to humans always makes them to want to earn everything, forgetting that even their lives is a gift from God.** This desire to earn everything is not necessarily because they want to be industrious, but it is so that they can say, my own hands have given me this or that. So, the pride of ‘I did it’, and ‘I am in control,’ continues to plague and hinder humans from knowing God. But human beings have no control, except it is given to them, because they cannot control whether they live or die or create the breath of life by which they live. Pride causes humans to be destroyed,²⁶ and it has no place in an acceptable relationship with God. Humans must humble themselves, believe, and receive the Word of God in order to be saved and to come to the right and true knowledge of God. **“So get rid of all uncleanness and the rampant outgrowth of wickedness, and in a humble (gentle, modest) spirit receive and welcome the Word which implanted and rooted [in your hearts] contains the power to save your souls.”²⁷** Apostle Paul stated, **“For I am not ashamed of the Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes - the Jews first and also the Gentile. This Good News tells us how God makes us right in His sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith.”** **“God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.”²⁸**

Faith as the Condition For Salvation and the Beginning Of How To Know God Is Not Negotiable, and is repeated through the pages of the Scriptures. It **Will Not Change** because humans have developed and increased in knowledge, or because of ‘political correctness’ or ‘inclusiveness’. **“This Good News tells us how God makes us right in His sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith.”** God told the Israelites through Prophet Jeremiah, **“Take your burnt offerings and your other sacrifices and eat them yourselves! When I led your ancestors out of Egypt, it was not burnt offerings and sacrifices I wanted from them. This is what I told them: ‘Obey Me, and I will be your God, and you will be My people. Do everything as I say, and all will be well!’”²⁹** **Obedience is the Bedrock Of Faith In The Almighty God. To know God, Obey His Word [to be continued].**

Have A God Centred And Focussed 2026.

Further & Daily Readings: Jeremiah 9:13-16, 23-24; Isaiah 45:5-10, 12-23. 1.Jer. 9:24; 2. Rom. 1:21-22 [AMPC]; 3. Jn. 3:19; 4. Jer. 9:24; 5. Heb.11:6; 6. Isaiah 45:5-6 [AMPC]; 7. Lam.3:22; 1Jn. 4:8; 8. Rom. 5:20-21; 1Pet.1:2-3; 9. Matt.5:45; 10. Rom..2:4-9; 2Pet. 3:9; 11. Ps. 10:11, 13; 2Pet.3:3-6; 12. Jer. 9:24; 13. Rom. 3:4; 2Thess. 1:6; 14. Ps.11:5-6; Hab.1:13; 2Pet.3:9-10; 15. Rom.2:4-9; 2Pet.3:10; 16. Exd.14:5-7, 23, 28; Dan.4:33-35, 37; Ps. 2:4; 37:13, 15; 17. Rev.15:3-4; 18. Ps.103:9-10; Lam.3:31-36; Eph.2:10; 19. Heb.1:2; 20. Acts 2:38; 21. Jn.14:6; 22. Jn.3:7; 23. Jn.17:3; 24. Rom. 3:23-26; 25. Isaiah 14:12-16; 26. Prov.16:18; 27. James 1:21 [AMPC]; 28. Rom.1:16-17; Eph.2:8-9; 29. Jer. 7:21-23.