

††† SERMON NOTES †††

GOD WANTS YOU TO KNOW HIM! – Ex. 33:7-18; Prov. 2:1-11

Review:

1 Chronicles 28:9 NKJV "As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind.... If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever.

1. *Knowing God comes as a result of _____ God.*

Jeremiah 9:23-24 NIV "This is what the LORD says: "Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches, but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me..."

2. *If you're going to be known for something, be known for _____!*

Jeremiah 24:7 NIV "I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the LORD."

3. *If you don't have the desire to know God, _____ to give you that desire.*

Daniel 11:32 NKJV "Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits." NIV "will firmly resist him."

4. *Knowing God gives us the _____ to stand for God in the midst of wickedness.*

Hosea 6:3 NKJV "Let us know, Let us pursue the knowledge of the LORD."

5. *Knowing God should be our _____ priority.*

Proverbs 9:10 NIV "knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."

6. *Knowing God brings understanding.*

John 17:3 NIV "Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ..."

7. *Knowing God leads to eternal life.*

Ephesians 1:17-21 NIV I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better.....

8. *Knowing God is an on-going _____, leading to more wisdom and revelation.*

Philip. 3:10 NIV "I want to know Christ"

9. *Make it your goal to know God.*

Col. 1:9,10 NIV "We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God."

10. *Knowing God leads to _____ God.*

Job 22:21 – (KJV) "Acquaint now thyself with Him, and be at peace..."

To know God is a two-way street:

1. GOD'S PART: _____ HIMSELF. Heb. 1:2; Jn. 14:9

2. OUR PART:

A) We have to have the _____ to know God. EXODUS 33:7-11

V. 13 – “teach me Your ways.” Ps. 103:7 “He made known His ways (same word as Ex. 33:13) to Moses, His deeds to the people of Israel.” An important distinction – “deeds” means “a performance, an intervention”; but “ways” means “course of life; mode of action; well-traveled road”.

B) If we really want to know Him, it is going to involve our total person—mind, will, emotions.

1) Mind

2) Emotions

3) _____

Proverbs 2:1-11 – Practical steps:

My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you,

² turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding—

³ indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding,

⁴ and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure,

⁵ then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.

⁶ For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

⁷ He holds success in store for the upright, He is a shield to those whose walk is blameless,

⁸ for He guards the course of the just and protects the way of His faithful ones.

⁹ Then you will understand what is right and just and fair—every good path.

¹⁰ For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.

¹¹ Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you.

1) _____ – “accept My words”

2) Meditation on Scripture – “store up My commands”

3) Maintain a _____ spirit – v. 2 “turn your ear/apply your heart”

4) _____ – v. 3 “call out/cry aloud”

5) Get serious – v. 4 “look for it/search for it”

What is my first step?

