

Prayer Study #124
KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Isaiah 11:9

But the time is coming when the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

Habakkuk 2:14 AMP

The Kingdom of God is everlasting, has always been and will always be. Mankind, however, has not walked in the full revelation of the Kingdom and will not fully walk in that fullness until the Jesus comes to rule and reign on the earth at his second coming.

The Glory of the Coming Fullness of the Kingdom(as spoken of in Isaiah 11 and 12):

1. All of the animals will no longer eat each other or harm humans(ex. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb. The lion will eat straw like the ox. Cows and bears will eat together.)
2. Children will no longer be afraid of wild animals(even putting their hands in the holes of formerly poisonous snakes) and will lead them.
3. There shall be no accidents or deaths.
4. Jesus shall stand as the standard around which all nations will gather. All men will look to Christ for safety and deliverance
5. Jews will again become the missionaries taking the Word of God from Jerusalem to all nations.
6. The nations shall seek Jesus.
7. There will be universal peace.
8. His rest shall be glorious.
9. He will set his hand again the 2nd time to recover His Jewish remnant.
- 10.He will gather the outcast of Israel .
- 11.The envy also of Ephraim shall depart.
- 12.The adversaries of Judah shall be cut off.
- 13.There shall be a highway for the remnant of His people.
- 14.The righteous will praise.
- 15.The Gentiles shall seek Christ and will bless the Jewish people
- 16.There will be no fear.
- 17.The righteous will be full of joy.
- 18.The inhabitants of Zion will sing and cry out and shout the greatness of the Holy One in the midst of the remnant company.

Why do all these blessings come? Because the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

How do we know Him?

The Apostle Paul spent ten years after his conversion in study of Scripture and in prayer, knowing that God had called him to be a witness for Jesus among the nations. He wrote during his ministry 14 of the 27 books of the New Testament. Twenty-four years after his conversion, he said that he was the least of Apostles(1st Corinthians 15:9). Thirty years after his conversion, he said that he was the least of saints(Ephesians 3:8). Thirty-nine years after his conversion he said that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners of which he was the chief(1st Timothy 1:15). He is considered by most as the greatest Christian that ever lived. The personal goal of this great Christian example's life was **TO KNOW CHRIST!** Yes, furthermore I count everything as loss compared to the possession of the priceless privilege-the overwhelming preciousness, the surpassing worth and supreme advantage-of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, and of progressively becoming more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, of perceiving and recognizing and understanding Him more fully and clearly. For His sake I have lost everything and consider it all to be more rubbish(refuse, dregs), in order that I may win(gain)Christ, the Anointed One. Philippians 3:8 AMP

This is a man who had tremendous visions and revelations from the Lord and was caught up into the Third Heaven(2nd Corinthians 12:1-4) and did not speak of it for 14 years. There he heard unspeakable words which he said were not so precious that he was not allowed to share them. I am sure he had more revelation of who Jesus was than any man, and yet his primary goal was to know Jesus.

The Day we live in is a time to know Him intimately for His coming is drawing nigh. Paul wrote to the Ephesians in the 5th chapter, verses 25-27, *Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it, that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word, that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish.* Thus comparing Christ's relationship to the Church like a husband's intimate relationship with his wife.

To be intimate with the Lord is to know Him. The Hebrew word translated *know* or *knew* in the bible is *yada* and is the same word used, as in Adam knew Eve and conceived a child, for the most intimate relationship one can have with another.

The goal of every Christian's life should be to know intimately Jesus. We cannot do this without spending time with Him. Those who hunger for more of Jesus must wait in His presence.

Those who know the Lord intimately will be blessed by Him in the following ways:

1. **They will be strong and do exploits:** Daniel 11:32 *And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall be corrupted by flatteries; but the people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits.*
2. **They will walk in His presence wherein is fullness of joy:** Hosea 6:3 *Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord; His going forth is prepared as the morning, and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.* Psalm 16:11 *In thy presence is fullness of joy.*
3. **They will walk in deliverance:** Exodus 6:7 *And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God; and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God, who bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.*
4. **They will have the peace and assurance that He will be there even until the last day on the earth:** Job 19:25 *For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.*
5. **They will come to a profound repentance:** Job 42:4-5 *I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, but now mine eye sees You. Wherefore I abhor myself and repent in dust and ashes.*
6. **He will give them a heart to know Him, and they will gladly give Him their whole heart:** Jeremiah 24:7 *I will give them an heart to know me, that I am the Lord, and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, for they shall return unto me with their whole heart.*
7. **They will have a spirit of wisdom and revelation:** Ephesians 1:17 *[For I always pray] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation-of insight into mysteries and secrets-in the [deep and intimate]knowledge of Him. AMP*
8. **They will know the secrets and mysteries of the kingdom of heaven:** Matthew 13:11 *And He replied to them, To you it has been given to know the secrets and mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. AMP*

9. **They will walk in the promises of the Word of God:** 2nd Peter 1:3-4 *For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness, through the (full, personal) knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His own glory and excellence(virtue). By means of these He has bestowed on us His precious and exceedingly great promises, so that through them you may escape (by flight) from the moral decay(rottenness and corruption) that is in the world because of covetousness(lust and greed), and become sharers (partakers) of the divine nature. AMP*
10. **They will be assured of eternal life:** John 17:3 *And this is eternal life: [It means] to know(to perceive, recognize, become acquainted with and understand) You, the only true and real God and [likewise]to know Him, Jesus [as the] Christ, the Anointed One, the Messiah, Whom You have sent. AMP*

Warnings

1. **Titus 1:16** *They possess that they know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable and disobedient and unto every good work reprobate.*
2. **1st Corinthians 15:33-34** *Do not be deceived and misled! Evil companionships(communion, associations) corrupt and deprave good manners and morals and character. Awake(from your drunken stupor and return) to sober sense and your right minds and sin no more. For some of you have not the knowledge of God-you are utterly and willfully and disgracefully ignorant and continue to be so, lacking the sense of God's presence and all true knowledge of Him. I say this to your shame. AMP*
3. **Hosea 4:6** *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you[the priestly nation] have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, that you shall be no priest to Me; seeing you have forgotten the law of God, I will also forget your children. AMP*
4. **Romans 1:28** *Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, He gave them over to a depraved mind to do what ought not to be done. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant, and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Although they know God's righteous decree that*

those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things, but also approve of those who practice them. NIV

5. **Isaiah 5:13** *Therefore, My people go into captivity[to their enemies] without knowing it and because they have no knowledge of God. And their honorable men-their glory-are famished, and their common people are parched with thirst. AMP*

Paul's Prayer for the Ephesian Believers

May He grant you out of the rich treasury of His glory to be strengthened and reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by the (Holy) Spirit [Himself]-indwelling your innermost being and personality. May Christ through your faith[actually] dwell-settle down, abide, make His permanent home-in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in love and founded securely on love, that you may have the power and be strong to apprehend and grasp, with all the saints(God's devoted people), the experience of that love, what is the breadth and length and height and depth [of it]. [That you may really come]to know-practically, through experience for yourselves-the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge(without experience); that you may be filled(through all your being) unto all the fullness of God-[that is]may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself! AMP

Scriptural Examples of Intimacy with Jesus:

John, that disciple whom Jesus loved

Mary of Bethany, the one who sat at Jesus' feet

Mary Magdalene

Mary Magdalene was the first to witness the most important event in history, the resurrection of Jesus. She ran to tell Peter and John that someone had stolen the body of Jesus. Peter and John ran back to the tomb, found what she said seemed true, and returned to their own homes, but not Mary. She stayed at the tomb. Two angels appear, asking her why she is weeping. She answers, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid Him." Then she sees someone whom she thinks is the gardener. He too asks why she is weeping and whom she seeks. She replies, "Sir, if you have borne Him hence, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away." He then answered, "Mary." She replied, "Rabboni!" Thus she became the first to recognize and herald His resurrection, the first to see Jesus resurrected, the first to tell the greatest news ever proclaimed.