

Do you want To Know God?

“. . . I . . . count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which [is] from the law, but that which [is] through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.” (Philippians 3:8-11 NKJV)

There are many things to do under the sun. Very few things are little more than vanity as the preacher puts it. However, to know God intimately is of great value. This endeavor is the greatest task a man can undertake.

Gaining and understanding of God, even a limited understanding as it must be, will humble the proudest mind, and cause the stoutest heart to tremble. God is so vast and powerful that any investigation into His person will leave a man undone. Isaiah had such an epiphany.

“In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His [robe] filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim, each one had six wings: with two, he covered his face, with two, he covered his feet, and with two, he flew. And one cried to another and said: ‘Holy, holy, holy [is] the LORD of hosts; The whole earth [is] full of His glory!’ And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. So I said: ‘Woe [is] me, for I am undone! Because I [am] a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts.’” (Isaiah 6:1-5)

Don’t expect to miraculously experience such a time as Isaiah did. To come close to that, one must pursue God with much prayer and study. However, his experience gives us a glimpse into what it means to know God intimately. Being in close proximity to the God of creation will cause a man to wilt. This is a good thing for the kingdom is for the poor in spirit, and the pure in heart will see God (Matt. 5:3, 8).

To know God intimately, you must do as Paul and count all things loss for the excellence of knowing Christ. That gets you an audience with the Most High through salvation, but you must go beyond this. Notice how Paul wanted to know the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings being conformed to His death. This goes beyond the initial submission of the will and beginning faith.

Paul wanted to have the knowledge of his God surging through his veins. He wanted to know what are the hope of the resurrection, and the experience of resurrection power to gain victory over sin and death. He knew to suffer as His Savior did would ultimately open his eyes to the glorious person of Christ.

Dear friend cast off the ties that hold you to this world and sail into the infinite ocean of our glorious God. Seek Him with all your heart.

If you are not sure, whether you really know Him at all, then heed the words spoken to the Jews. Jesus said to them, “. . . ‘If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.’” (John 8:31-32 NKJV) He said these words to Jews who only believed in Him intellectually. Don’t be like those who will end up cursed. Instead, forsake your self-righteousness and cling to the mercy of God. Seek Him with all your heart as Paul did and get to know Him.