



"The Knowledge of God"

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I. **Hosea 4:1-6**

A. Satan's Wicked Plan (So he can stay in control)...

1. **Distract you with the cares of this world, stress, worry & fear**
2. **Cause You To Forget**
 - About What God has done (His goodness, His Grace, His Redemption)
 - About What God is doing...(Present Tense/Faith)
3. **Cause You To Blame God**
4. **Increase Worldly Knowledge so there is very little knowledge of God**
 - **Daniel 12:4** "Knowledge shall be increased..." Destruction comes to those who have a lack of "God's Knowledge" (His way of doing things) and because they have a lack of God's knowledge, they are full of something else (Worldly knowledge shall increase).
 - Example: People have a greater knowledge and trust today in medicine and doctors and what they say rather than the knowledge of God and what He says!
 - Example: People have a greater knowledge today of how to trust in the financial system to provide for their needs instead of Jehovah Jireh.

B. **I Corinthians 2:9-14**

1. Last week: Knowing Him and Being Known by Him (Identity through revelation KNOWLEDGE... "Blessed art thou Simon Barjona...for FLESH AND BLOOD...")
2. "The Natural Man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God." – When Peter had the revelation, it came from a direct connection with God...You don't need a man to get you to the throne, you need THE MAN; This gives you a new identity and with it, you will have the keys to bind and loose!

II. Obtaining God's Knowledge and Retaining it

A. What is it?

1. Who God is and His Way of Doing Things (Last week: Jesus speaks a different language...shouldn't we do the same?)
2. **Proverbs 1:7** "The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of Knowledge."
3. **Proverbs 2:1-5** "Then you will understand the fear of the Lord and FIND THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD."

B. Don't be fooled by the "quick fix" mentality that is in this world

1. **II Peter 1:3-8 (LOOK AT VS. 8!!!)**
2. **II Timothy 2:15** "Study to shew..." / Losing Weight, Financial Freedom...you must put effort into God's kingdom every day/ don't coast....put on the gas!