

To Know God – Part 1

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I. Introduction.

II. We should know God because it is his desire. (Habakkuk 1:13; Hosea 6:6; 1 Corinthians 1:9; Philippians 3:10; Psalm 27:4; Exodus 33:13; Psalm 119:55)

A. Result of knowing God: to know God is to love him. (Genesis 5:21-24; Hebrews 11:5)

B. To know God....

1. Be converted. (2 Corinthians 13:5)

2. Know his Word. (John 5:39)

3. Spend time with God in fellowship.

4. Watch the example of godly people. (Acts 27)

5. Experience the inward journey through meditation and waiting on the Lord.

III. We should love God.

A. Jesus commanded it. (Matthew 22:34)

B. Loving God is a matter of choice. The emotions are subject to the will. (Deuteronomy 30:19-28; 5:29)

C. We disobey God because we believe that God does not have our best interests at heart, but he does. (Jeremiah 29:11)

D. We disobey God because we believe that God does not know what is best for us, but he does. (Ephesians 1:8)

E. We disobey God because of bitterness, but this poisons us.

F. Prosperity keeps us from obeying God. (Proverbs 20:8-9)

G. Self-seeking keeps us from obeying God. (Jeremiah 45:5)

IV. We should glorify God. (Revelation 4:11)

A. We glorify God because it is the purpose for which we were created. (Isaiah 43:7; Revelation 4:11)

B. We glorify God by doing everything for the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10:31; Matthew 6:33)

C. We glorify God by bearing fruit. (John 15:5)

D. We glorify God by praising him. (Psalm 50:23)

E. We glorify God by confessing Jesus as Lord. (Philippians 2:11)

V. To be used of him.

A. Only God produces fruit. (Psalm 127:1; John 15:5; 6:63; Romans 7; Philippians 3:3)

B. To be used we must be fit to use. (2 Timothy 2:19; 3:17)

C. God is most interested in our character. (Ephesians 1:12)

D.

VI. To raise up.

A. God sends forth laborers, and it is our object to pray. (Matthew 29)

B. A laborer is trained and equipped to do what God wants him to do.

C. God wants us to invest in a few other men to build spiritual generations. (Isaiah 58:12; Psalm 56:13)

Application questions:

1. How can you go about knowing God more and practically helping others to know him as well?

2. What does it look like to glorify God?

3. How would you articulate your life mission in light of the message?
