

That We May Know Him

I. Introduction:

- A. The focus of learning is often about eternal life (**Luke 18:18**).
 - 1. Well, that's not wrong (**John 5:39**).
 - 2. We learn right and wrong from the Scriptures (**Psalms 119:11**) and we will be judged on the right or wrong we do (**John 5:28-29**).
- B. The reason for learning is often because of the expectation from God that we learn and grow (**II Timothy 2:15**, **Hebrews 5:12-6:3**, and **II Peter 3:18**).
 - 1. Yet, people often don't want to study to learn and grow. Common thoughts are: "Bible study is boring", "I know enough", "I don't know how to study", "I listen on Sundays", "I struggle to focus", etc.
 - 2. Learning about our Lord shouldn't be viewed as a forced matter. Jesus desires all to learn of Him (**Matthew 11:28-30**). Isn't that enough?

II. Body: How About Learning So That You Can Know Him (**I John 5:20**)?

- A. Have you considered that knowing about God (**Hebrews 8:11**) and knowing God are two different things (**John 8:13-19**)?
 - 1. Knowing God brings a level of certainty beyond just knowing verses or quoting them (**Psalms 9:10** and **Romans 8:28-39**).
 - 2. Knowing God is a knowledge of what pleases Him (**Jeremiah 9:23-24**).
 - 3. There are instructions of what to do and not to do (i.e. **I Corinthians 6:9-11**). But, do you understand that those instructions are for your benefit in this life and the life to come (**I Peter 3:8-11**)?
 - 4. Ask yourself what your actions indicate about how much you know Him (**I John 2:3-4**).
- B. Have you considered that we call God our Father for a reason (**Matthew 5:14-16**; **5:48**; **6:9**; **23:9**)?
 - 1. Have you thought about the fact that people sin against Him not just because they are ignorant of the verses that teach something, but also because they don't understand the relationship (**Malachi 1:6-10**)?
 - 2. When God's people sin, He views it not only as a black and white right from wrong; but a breach in relationship (**Isaiah 1:1-3**).
- C. Getting to know the Father through Jesus (**John 7:28-29** and **John 14:1-11**).
 - 1. He taught the Father's will (**John 12:50**).
 - 2. He lived the Father's will (**John 5:19**, **John 6:38**, and **John 8:28-29**).
 - 3. We see the glory of the Father in the face of Jesus through what we learn of Jesus (**II Corinthians 4:5-6**).
 - 4. Jesus said: "I and my Father are one" (**John 10:30**).

III. Conclusion: If it is your goal to spend eternity with God, don't you think you should get to know Him better? Consider Jesus' words in a prayer of His (**John 17:1-3**)!