

To Know Him and Be Known

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Jeremiah 9:23,24

Introduction

“Our source of joy and satisfaction doesn’t come from our own abilities or possessions, but from the truth that we know him.”

I. To Know Him

Jeremiah, speaking on behalf of God, describes the things that men normally boast in - wisdom, might, and riches.

To boast in something means to celebrate it and to proclaim it as the source of our happiness and satisfaction.

*v.24 – But let him who boasts boast in this, that he **understands and knows** me...”*

To boast in God is to find our joy and satisfaction in Him. When our joy and satisfaction is in Him, we prove that we understand (intellectually) and know (practically, as to walk in His ways) Him.

God wants us to boast in the fact that we know Him in 3 ways: that God practices

- 1) Steadfast Love – Mercy to the believer
- 2) Justice – judgment on the ungodly
- 3) Righteousness in the earth – perfect faithfulness

“There is a contrast between the three fading glories of verse 23 and the three unfading ones of verse 24: the faithful (steadfast) love, justice, and righteousness which are God's gifts to us before ever they are his expectations from us.” Kidner

v.24b – “For in these I delight, declares the Lord.”

God delights in the display of His nature and His character; and when it is known and understood by mankind it pleases Him.

“And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.” John 17:3

“And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.” 1 John 5:20

“I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning.” 1 John 2:13

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 - Read

The beauty of the Christian life is that we have a personal relationship with God!

II. To Be Known

- 1) God Knows Us
- 2) God Hear Us
- 3) God Strengthens Us
- 4) God Loves Us
- 5) God Sends Us

III. Conclusion

The greatest privilege we have as people is to personally know our Creator! But what an incredible blessing to be known by him as well. To be able to have a relationship with Him who loved us so much He sent Jesus.