

ARE YOU KNOWN OF GOD?

Greetings precious people, this week we will explore the all important question: “Are you known of God?”

The vast majority of the people of this world believe that they “know” God or some sort of god. People have made up their “own god” which is idolatry, others hold to many different gods (the Hindu’s have over 330 million gods) and some hold to (believe in a “form of godliness” as the Apostle Paul states in the Book of Romans) but deny the power there of because they really do not know the true and living God.

The Word of God the Bible makes it clear that knowing God is very important, all of nature and the universe declare the glory of God; the Bible gives us great understanding as to the Person and character of God; our own conscious tells us of the reality of our creator as He has given us a conscious, convincing us of right and wrong.

Of even greater importance of us knowing God is whether or not He knows us. Listen carefully to what Jesus says in the following verses, read these many times and give serious thought to what He is saying. John 10:14, “I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.” And in Matthew 7:21-23, “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ (I know the Lord) shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day (day of Judgment), ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ ” **And then I will declare to them, ‘I (Jesus) never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’**”

Imagine hearing those words spoken to you as you stand before the throne of God! You who prided yourself in knowing God or a god, one that you conveniently formed to your own liking to enable you to sin as you please without any feeling of conviction or remorse. What a horrific scene! And yet did you see the wording that Jesus used? He did not say “few” rather “Many will say to me in that day”.

Now you may be thinking, what is this guy trying to do, scare me? No I am not trying to scare you, I am simply warning you to flee from the wrath to come. Jesus makes it ever so clear that there is coming a day when everyone, great and small will have to stand before Him and be judged for every word that has ever proceeded out of your mouth; every thought that has ever been thought in your mind; every deed that you ever did or did not do.

In Revelation 20:11-15, “Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”

Read what Jesus says of those who are known of Him. In John 10:1-15, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that enters not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that enters in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep..... This parable Jesus spoke unto them: but they understood not

what things they were which he spoke unto them. Then said Jesus unto them again, verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd gives his life for the sheep. ... I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knows me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.”

Let me ask you dear one, are you known of God or do you simply know God?
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