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A DEVOTIONAL AND A PRAYER • A SHORT READING TO CARRY, AND A PRAYER TO CLOSE

Knowledge — Foundational Biblical Doctrine

OPENING WORD

Today, be a wise person in one thing: store up knowledge. Gather it into your heart the way a man stores up goods in his house, a little at a time, line upon line, a little here and a little there. Do not look down on the small portion; that is how God teaches. And pay attention to its goal. The goal is not to know many things, or to be wise in this world; the goal is to know God himself, and Jesus Christ whom he sent — because this is eternal life. So lay down your own thoughts and take his, because the humble he teaches, and the self-satisfied he cannot fill. Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Whatever you know of him today, hold on to it; and try to know him better tomorrow. A knowing that is kept and grown is the treasure a wise person stores up. Search it out.

GREEK KEYWORDS

“**knowledge**” — **G1108 gnosis** — knowledge, knowing
grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

“**know**” — **G1097 ginosko** — to know
this is life eternal, that they might know you — to know HIM, not of him only.

HEBREW KEYWORDS

“**knowledge**” — **H1847 daath** — knowledge, perception
wise men lay up knowledge — a knowing that is kept, not lost.

“**know**” — **H3045 yada** — to know, to know by seeing
then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD.

I. GROW IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM

2 Peter 3:18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge [G1108 *gnosis*] of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

GROW IN GRACE + IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST.

(My personal thoughts — knowledge is not something you get once and are done with; it is something GROWN. Take one step into the knowledge of Christ today — one word, one truth held on to — and grow. Little by little, line upon line, is the way.)

II. THE END OF ALL KNOWING

John 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know [G1097 *ginosko*] thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

THIS IS LIFE ETERNAL = THAT THEY MIGHT KNOW THEE THE ONLY TRUE GOD + JESUS CHRIST.

(My personal thoughts — notice the goal of all your learning: not to know ABOUT him, but to know HIM. Eternal life is a Person known. Let all your knowledge run toward that face.)

THE WORD TO HIDE IN THE HEART

Proverbs 2:5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge [H1847 *daath*] of God.

UNDERSTAND THE FEAR OF THE LORD → FIND THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD.

THE PRAYER

Lord, you are the God who teaches people knowledge, and no one ever taught you anything. So I come humbly, and empty of my own, so that you can fill me. Make me a wise person, storing up knowledge in my heart, and not a fool, feeding on foolishness. Teach me line upon line, a little here and a little there, and do not let me look down on the small portion. Rescue me from the knowledge that only puffs up, and give me the knowledge that builds up, carried in love. Above all, do not let me stop short at knowing about you; let me know YOU, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you sent, because this is eternal life. Shine in my heart, and give me the light of the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. And because the love of many people will grow cold, keep me growing and not giving up — let me hold on to the end and not become lukewarm, so that I may be found faithful, still learning from you, until the day of your glory. Amen.

CLOSING

2 Corinthians 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge [G1108 *gnosis*] of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

GOD HATH SHINED IN OUR HEARTS → THE LIGHT OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE GLORY OF GOD = IN THE FACE OF JESUS CHRIST.