

## True Understanding is Through Knowing God

**Not knowing God has eternal repercussions** - 2 Thess 1:8-9 - 8 He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power

**Human perception without God is deceptive** - Prov 14:12 There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

**When we go outside the understanding of God we are doomed** - Prov 21:16 A man who strays from the path of understanding comes to rest in the company of the dead.

**The problem is, man has forgotten who he is in reference to God** - Rom 9:19-21 - 19 One of you will say to me: "Then why does God still blame us? For who resists his will?" 20 **BUT WHO ARE YOU, O MAN, TO TALK BACK TO GOD?** "Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?'" 21 Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use?

**Only those that know God understand as they ought to understand** - Prov 28:5 Evil men do not understand justice, but those WHO SEEK THE LORD understand it fully.

**Trusting God, means to totally accept Him and His ways no matter what it seems to you** - Prov 3:5-8 - 5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. 8 This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

**\*Without completely Trusting in God, we will live the wrong way without knowing it**

**We must be Spiritual in order to understand God the right way** - 1 Cor 2:13-16 - 13 This is what we speak, NOT IN WORDS TAUGHT US BY HUMAN WISDOM but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. 14 The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and HE CANNOT UNDERSTAND THEM, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment: 16 "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

**\*If anything else is the bases for understanding God, then we really don't know God**

**God knows us better than we know ourselves** - Ps 139:1-6 - O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. 2 You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. 3 You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. 4 Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord. 5 You hem me in — behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me. 6 **SUCH KNOWLEDGE IS TOO WONDERFUL FOR ME, TOO LOFTY FOR ME TO ATTAIN**.

**You do understand, God's understanding is never ending?** - Ps 147:5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.

**\*We tend to treat God as if he misses things at times**

**To truly understand God, we must accept that there are things that are far beyond our understanding**

**Job recognized he was speaking out of extreme ignorance** - Job 42:1-3 - Then Job replied to the Lord: 2 "I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted". 3 [You asked,] 'Who is this that obscures my counsel without knowledge?' **SURELY I SPOKE OF THINGS I DID NOT UNDERSTAND, THINGS TOO WONDERFUL FOR ME TO KNOW**.

**Life is not for us to figure out, but for us to completely turn to God** - Isa 55:6-9 - 6 Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. 7 Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. 8 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. 9 **"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts**".

**God is not for us to try and figure out, but to accept** - Eccl 11:5 As you do not know the path of the wind, or how the body is formed in a mother's womb, so you CANNOT UNDERSTAND the work of God, the Maker of all things.

**\* When we force ourselves to understand things that we are UNABLE to understand the results are disastrous**

**It is necessary for us to go to Church with the main purpose of receiving the Word** - Eccl 5:1-3 - Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong. 2 Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few. 3 As a dream comes when there are many cares, so the speech of a fool when there are many words.

**We must trust in the Word to really know God** - Heb 4:12-13 - 12 For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. 13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

**The trust must be in the Word ONLY** - Titus 1:15-16 - 5 To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are **corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure**. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted. 16 They claim to know God, but **BY THEIR ACTIONS THEY DENY HIM**. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good.

**God guides our lives, so we must live trusting him, not resisting Him** - Prov 20:24 A man's steps are directed by the Lord. How then can anyone understand his own way?

**Those who know God will not take any part of life for granted** - Rom 8:28 And **WE KNOW** that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

**When it comes down to it, to truly live knowing God, we must live revering God and allow Him to work** - Phil 2:12-13 - 12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed — not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence — **continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling,** 13 for **IT IS GOD WHO WORKS IN YOU** to will and to act according to his good purpose.