

# “PURSUING THE LORD”

Joshua 1:2 Fellowship

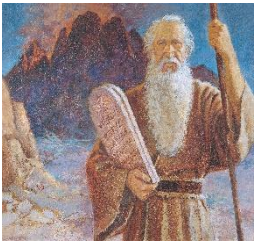
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### Exodus 33:13

“Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, show me now thy way, **THAT I MIGHT KNOW THEE**, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people.”



Moses here is desiring to know more of God. Moses was being used by God in a mighty way and he still wanted to know God more in a deeper dimension. Many Christians claim they know God but they never spend time with

Him in prayer. God will often allow an experience to come your way and through that experience reveal Himself to you (The prodigal son).

Sometimes that experience can last 10 years. God waited before He blessed Abraham with his son Isaac to teach Him that God is all powerful. God had to let Abraham know that without Him he cannot do anything. Sometimes God will withdraw Himself from us to show us who we really are. God did it to King Hezekiah because He wanted to see what was in his heart.

II Chr. 32:31 - “...God left him to test him and to know everything that was in his heart.”

God wanted to reveal Hezekiah’s heart to himself (God already knows what is in your heart).

God also withdrew Himself from Job to show the world what Job was really like (Job 42:5).

You must be careful when you pray (“Lord, I want to know you more”) because God will send something your way you might not like.

Are you willing to pay the price in getting to know God?

When Moses cried out “show me now thy way, **THAT I MAY KNOW THEE...**” that God judged thousands of Israelites in the camp, for sins.

We must understand that God’s **Love** and **Wrath** are equal. He is a God of Love but also a God of Judgement.

**WHAT HAPPENS WHEN SOMEONE DESIRES WITH ALL HIS HEART TO KNOW GOD?**

### **GOD’S PRESENCE WILL BE WITH YOU**

Ex. 33:14 - “And He said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.”

The moment Moses cried, Lord I want to know you, I want more of you, God gives him a promise.

**“MY PRESENCE SHALL GO WITH THEE, ...”**

Those who want to know God will be blessed by God’s presence no matter what they go through. God’s presence will be upon your life no matter what happens!

### **HE WILL REVEAL HIS TRUTH TO YOU**

Ps. 86:11 “TEACH me thy ways, O Lord, I will walk in thy truth...”

The moment God begins to reveal Himself to you:

His presence will come upon you in a different way.

His truth will come to you in a deeper way.

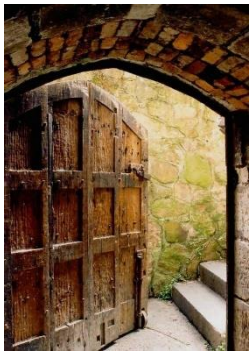
The Holy Spirit will begin to open the Word of God to you! This will bring balance to your Christian walk. God's presence and His revealed Word brings a balance in your walk; marriage, home, business...!

God's greatest desire is for you to know Him! God wants to be number one in your heart. He wants you to die completely to the old nature! Total Surrender! You must purpose in your heart that you are going to pray and seek God no matter what. If you decide that you are going to pray and seek God no matter what. It will be a continual flow in your life!

Jesus said, "Ask and it will be given to you; Seek and you will find; Knock and the door will be opened to you." Matt. 7:7

What happens when the DOOR is opened?

### GO IN AND FIND OUT!



There must be discipline in your daily life! You must Seek Him until you find Him. You must Seek Him until you receive. You must Seek Him until the Door is opened! Don't give up. You must have a consistent prayer life! When you reach the "Door" which is the third dimension in your pursuit of God, He will begin to reveal Himself to you. God wants us to enter after the Door is opened and the sky is the limit of knowing God!

### SEEK -ASK - KNOCK;

Where are you in your prayer life?

Seek - You can't even pray!

Ask - You can't ask because you are not praying!

Knock - You can't even see the door because you are far away from Jesus!

Phil. 3:8 - "Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the Excellency of the **KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST JESUS** my Lord..."

Before you can know God, you must lose everything. Total surrender!



"...for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ."

Everything you have learned of the things of the world must become as dung to you in order to know God!

We are not after knowledge but the knowledge of God, **KNOWING GOD!** The more you seek God the more He hides from you so that you may look even harder for Him!

"Truly you are a God who hides Himself, O God and Savior of Israel." Isa. 45:15

### God hides Himself so that we may seek Him.

### The longer you seek God the more your flesh dies!

When you are praying and praying and you don't feel God's presence don't be discouraged.

### **Why? Because a process is going on in your inner man.**

The death of your old nature! God needs to Hide from us for that reason!

Col. 1:10 - "That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work and **INCREASING IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD.**"

Paul tells us that the knowledge of God must increase in us. It is not enough in just going to the door when it is opened but we must enter and go beyond.

God will take you from **Glory to Glory** (II Cor. 3:18), from **strength to strength** (Ps. 84:7) and **brighter and brighter** (Prov. 4:18).

Ps. 81:13-14 "Oh that My people had hearkened unto Me, and Israel had walked in My ways! I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned My hand against their adversaries."

God will destroy your enemies once you get to know Him more! "The haters of the Lord should have submitted themselves unto him: but their time should have endured forever. He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee (V.15-16).

God will meet all your needs if you seek Him and begin to know His Ways.

Job 26:13-14 **“By His Spirit** He has garnished the heavens; His hand hath formed the crooked serpent, Lo, these are part of His Ways: but how little a portion is heard of Him? But the thunder of His power who can understand?

The world knows about God through His creation but we as believers know Him through the Holy Ghost.

I Cor. 2:11-13 - “For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the **SPIRIT WHICH IS OF GOD**; that we might know that things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak not in the word which man’s wisdom teaches, but which the **HOLY GHOST TEACHETH**; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.”



V.11 - Holy Spirit reveals God.

V.12 - Holy Spirit reveals things of God.

V.13 - Holy Spirit teaches the spiritual things.

God reveals Himself through His Word. God knows everything about you (Ps. 139:1-4 – Read).

God knows every thought in your mind before you think it (Ezekiel 11:5 - Read).

God knew everything about you before you were born (Jer. 1:5 Read).

God has put a difference between you and the unrighteous.

Prov. 12:26 - “The righteous is more excellent than his neighbor: but the way of the wicked seduced them.”

The more you know God the more you despise the things that are not of God.

### **DANGERS OF TURNING YOUR BACK ON GOD AFTER KNOWING HIM.**

Prov. 25:26 “A righteous man falling down before the wicked is as a troubled fountain, and a corrupt spring.”

Once you know God and go back to your old ways you will be as a “troubled fountain.” “A corrupt spring” means it is so dark and so black that you cannot see anything.

I Cor. 15:33 “Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.”

As you get close to God and you are knowing Him beware of the devil sending you people of “evil communication” that will “corrupt good manners” in you.

II Cor. 6:14 - “Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?”

Don’t hang around with ungodly people. Witness to them but don’t hang around with them.

### **CONCLUSION:**

II Cor. 7:1 “Having therefore these promises, ... Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”