



The Knowledge of His Will.

“For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; Giving thanks unto the father, which hath made us meet to be partakes of the inheritance of the saints in light: who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated into the kingdom of his dear Son” (**Colossians 1: 9-13**).

Paul began his epistle to the Colossians by acknowledging the impressive report he received from Epaphras a fellow servant who ministered among them. He acknowledged the great work that the Almighty God is doing among the saints and faithful brethren in Colosse. He talked about the deep love that they have exhibited to all the saints in that region. Apostle Paul then went ahead to announce his commitment to continuously and consistently pray for the brethren in Colosse so that this great revival seen among them will be sustained among the church in Colosse, and he was full of thanks thanks to the Almighty God for them (**Colossian 1: 1-8**).

In this passage, Paul outlined what is needed by the church in Colosse to sustain this great revival among them. He enunciated his points to the brethren in Colosse in the prayers that he prayed

for them. His prayers were laced with instructions and guidelines for them on what they must seek to do in order for them to remain strong in the things of the Lord. We trust the Lord to help us to critically examine some of the guidelines that Paul laid out for the church in Colosse so that we all may be edified therein.

Filled with the Knowledge of His Will

“For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that **You might be Filled with the KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL IN ALL WISDOM AND SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING**” (Colossians 1:9).

“Be assured that from the first day we heard of you, we haven’t stopped praying for you, **asking God to give you wise minds and spirits attuned to his will, and so acquire a thorough understanding of the ways in which God works**” (Colossians 1: 9) - The Message Bible.

The sentence “that you might be **filled** with the knowledge of His will....” employed here suggests how intense this is meant to be. This is not meant to be done in a halfhearted manner, it is to be sought after with such intensity and purpose. The desire to be filled with the knowledge of his will should be the most important thing in our lives. To be filled here suggests that no room should be left for ignorance of his will in our lives. To be filled with the knowledge of His will is the most critical thing in our lives, and we must do whatever is necessary to ensure that we are acquainted with the knowledge of his will in all areas of our lives “for I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; **and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings**” (Hosea 6: 6).

Paul’s admonition to the Corinthian church is that they be enriched by God in all utterance, **and in all Knowledge**, even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in them (I Corinthians 1: 5-6). Please note the words Paul used here “that they be **enriched with all knowledge**” The word enriched suggests the need to be enhanced and deepened in all of the ways of God. Secondly, he used the word “**all**” knowledge. Meaning that we need to acquire a thorough understanding of the ways in which God works as the Message Bible puts it.

A knowledge of the Lord’s ways is the key to all that the Lord intends to do in us and through us. The knowledge of His will must take preeminence over everything else. Above everything else, we must yearn, hunger, and thirst to be filled with the knowledge of his will. We must seek to be absorbed and taken over by the knowledge of God’s will in every area of our life. **Wisdom and Knowledge** shall be the stability of thy times.... (Isaiah 33: 6). The fulcrum upon which our life hangs should be wisdom and knowledge.

The Excellency of His Knowledge

For Apostle Paul nothing was more important to him than the excellency of the **knowledge of Christ Jesus** “Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for **the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord**: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, and be found in him, not having mine righteousness which is of God by faith: **that I may know Him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings**, being made conformable unto his death; ”(Philippians 3:8). Nothing can be compared to the excellency of the personal knowledge of the ways and workings of the Lord. Nothing is too much to be given up for the knowledge of him “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding” (Proverbs 9:10).

Our relationship with God cannot be dictated or sustained by our involvement in religious activities. Activities no matter how spiritual cannot take the place of our personal knowledge of God's ways. Many people in the church think that the more they get involved in doing one thing or the other for God or in the name of God, the more approved by God they are. We do not know God or walk with God by proxy. We have to know him personally.

Moses knew the ways of God, but the children of Israel knew the acts of God "He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel" ([Psalm 103:7](#)). There is a vast difference between the acts of God and the ways of God. The acts of God very often are visible, full of excitement, noisy and full of activities. But the ways of God are quiet, deep, not always visible, not always comfortable or exciting. Many do hold on to and have a form of godliness but they never really experience a true and living relationship with God. They have a form of godliness but they deny the power thereof. Many can have the form, the religious activities that is devoid of relationship. But they that know their God shall become strong and do exploits "but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits" ([Daniel 11:32](#)).

The Need for a First-hand Experience

We need to have a first-hand experience of his ways and dealings in our lives. The foolish virgins at midnight wanted to borrow some extra oil from the wise virgins. This would have amounted to a second-hand experience. What they needed was a personal knowledge of Him, not one handed down to them by their colleagues, they needed to get oil directly from the source. This is a moment of crises and the only way out is to get the oil from its source. Sharing the oil between the wise and foolish virgins would have jeopardized the chances of both of them "And at midnight there was a cry made, behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish saith unto the wise, give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: **but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.** And while they went out to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut" ([Mathew 25: 6-10](#)).

The people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits ([Daniel 11: 32](#)) Strength to overcome in difficult times comes from knowing God personally. If a man's strength fails him in the day of adversity, then it means that the man's strength is small ([Proverbs 24:10](#)). Strength to overcome does not come by getting enmeshed in activities in the church or ministry, it doesn't come automatically either. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. The scripture declares that my people are destroyed for **lack of knowledge**: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children ([Hosea 4:6](#)).

Relationships are not built overnight. There must be a knowing to have a meaningful relationship. It takes time to know and build strong relationships. It takes waiting on each other to build a lasting relationship. "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint" ([Isaiah 40:31](#)). It is only the deep that can call unto the deep ([Psalm 42:7](#)). Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of patience and understanding will draw it out ([Proverbs 20:5](#)). The way relationships are built are painstaking and deep.

A Highway for the Remnant of His people

“And there shall be a highway for the remnant of his people..... like as it was to Israel in the day that they came out of Egypt (Isaiah 11:16). This highway is the place of intimacy and deep relationship with God. It is a place of knowing Him. It is the secret place of the most high God. A people in this end time will be elevated to this highway by their persistence, staunchness and commitment to God. It is a highway for the remnant, the remnant of his people. God will lead this remnant in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night as they navigate through the wilderness of this midnight hour, and they will not err. They will know their God.

“And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: **the wayfaring men, though fools (humble), shall not err therein**” (Isaiah 35:8). These wayfaring men will know their God and they will do exploits for God, they will know the power of his resurrection and be made conformable unto his death. No lion or ravenous beast shall be found in this highway, they will not be found there, but only the redeemed of the Lord will walk there (Isaiah 35:9).



The lion and ravenous beast represent rapacious men and women who present themselves as servants of God, they brag and present themselves instead of the Lord. They depend on the massive numbers of their congregations and the monumental funds they have in their possessions. These Men and women are selfish and driven by greed and their own appetite, they are noisy and ferocious, men and women who think only of preserving the kingdoms they have built. They will devour anything on their path or any perceived challenge to their authority. These types of men and women have no place in this highway of God.

There is a need for us as the Lord touches our heart to set up waymarks for ourselves, set our hearts towards this high way, and spend time to deepen our relationship with God as we die daily and humble ourselves in the presence of the Lord not seeking to build anything for ourselves. We need to decrease so that He alone can increase. We need to turn to the Lord afresh “Set thee up waymarks, make thee high heaps: set thine heart toward the highway, even the way which thou wentest: turn again, O virgin of Israel, turn again to these thy cities” (Jeremiah 31:21).

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