C. How is it that mankind can know...

- 1. 1 Jn. 1:5-7 If he's walking in the light?
- 2. 1 Tim. 2:7 If he has the truth?
- 3. 1 Jn. 3:10 If he is a child of God?
- 4. 2 Pet. 1:10 If his calling and election is sure?
- D. The world is filled with all sorts of error that professes to be from God:
 - 1. 2 Pet. 2:1 "there shall be false teachers"
 - 2. 2 Tim. 3:1-8 "they that creep into houses"
 - 3. Acts 20:29-30 "grievous wolves shall enter in"
- E. What provisions did God make so that we can Know?
 - 1. Jn. 17:14-21 The apostles were sent.
 - 2. Matt. 28:19-20 Jesus commissioned his apostles.
 - 3. Jn. 16:7-15 The Holy Spirit guided the apostles.
 - 4. Gal. 5:16 If man will "Walk by the Spirit."
- F. This path requires diligence:
 - 1. Tit. 2:11-14 a people "zealous of good works"
 - 2. 1 Jn. 2:15-17 "Love not the world..."
 - 3. 2 Pet. 3:18 "grow in the grace and knowledge"
 - 4. As we learn:
 - a. Mk. 4:24; Lk. 8:18 Take heed what we hear..
 - b. 1 Jn. 4:1 What we hear, put it to the test.
 - c. 2 Tim. 3:15 Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God.
 - d. Rom. 12:1-2 And be a living sacrifice.



Jehovah is a God of Knowledge, And by Him actions are weighed

1 Samuel 2:3

Well, What About...?

"Once upon a time" (and this isn't going to end happily ever after).

Once upon a time, the brethren were involved in a study of the Psalms, and God's good pleasure showed upon the people of God.

Our study had considered God's dealings with his people, and the assurance of God's favor upon those who serve him. As the study progressed, reference was made to the words of David, saying, "I have been young, and now am old; Yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his seed begging bread" (Psalms 37:25).

And then the questioned was asked, "Well, what about Lazarus? He was a righteous man, yet he was begging bread. What about that?"

What is the purpose of such questioning: to edify, or to break down? As David spoke, he stated what his experience had revealed. Looking at life through the eyes of the young often lacks knowledge. David said, "I have been young, and now am old." His experience, attained through the observation of many years, brought him to the conclusion that godly people are, by-andlarge, at an advantage, and God has shown his protection upon those who serve him. David concludes this Psalm, thusly: "And Jehovah helpeth them, and rescueth them; He rescueth them from the wicked, and saveth them, Because they have taken refuge in him" (v. 40). *ret*

Jesus Said, Part II

- A. One major challenge we face in life is in selecting the right way to go:
 - 1. Jesus said of himself:
 - a. Jn. 14:6 "I am the way..."
 - b. Jn. 6:35 "I am the bread of life
 - c. Jn. 10:1-18 "I am the door of the sheep," "I am the good shepherd."
 - 2. Jesus told his disciples:
 - a. Jn. 12:35-36 "Walk while ye have the light..."
 - b. Jn. 8:51 "If a man keep my word, he shall never see death."
 - c. Jn. 7:16-18 "My teaching is not mine, but his that sent me.
 - d. Jn. 14:21-24 "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them"
 - 3. Jesus said of those who did not believe on him:
 - a. Jn. 8:39-47 "Ye are of your father the devil."
 - b. Jn. 12:37-43 "they loved the glory that is of men more than..."