

Finding the Knowledge of God III

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RECEIVE	INCLINE	COMMANDMENT	APPLY
VOICE	SEEK	KNOWLEDGE	WATCH
DISCRETION	SEARCH	SOUL	PLEASANT
KEEP	HEART	LIFT	SPEAK
FORSAKE	WALK	UPRIGHTNESS	DARKNESS
EVIL	CROOKED	WAYWARD	PATH
SPIRIT	PURE	RESURRECTION	BODY

Match the Following

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| 1 | Receive | _____ | Self-Existent |
| 2 | Attentive | _____ | Center of anything |
| 3 | Search | _____ | Intelligence |
| 4 | Lord | _____ | Friend |
| 5 | Guard | _____ | Accept |
| 6 | Heart | _____ | Smooth speech |
| 7 | Path | _____ | Seek |
| 8 | Understanding | _____ | Trodden road |
| 9 | Companion | _____ | Protect |
| 10 | Flatter | _____ | Prick up the ears |

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Welcome

It is a pleasure to have you with us this hour. Our endeavor is to worship God in Spirit and in Truth by adhering to the scriptures in all that we do and teach.

If you desire to have a private Bible Study at your convenience, let us know.

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SUNDAY:

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A Little Leaven

“Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?” These words were spoken by the Apostle Paul as he dealt with a sin among the Corinthian brethren that “is not even among the Gentiles” (1 Corinthians 5:1, 6). The sin was fornication, fornication being illicit sexual intercourse, illicit being, “not allowed by law: unlawful or illegal.”

The brethren in Corinth are described as being “puffed up, and did not rather mourn, that he might be taken away from among you” (Vs. 2). In this event we are able to see three problems the Corinthians were missing: (1) They were “puffed up.” The scriptures do not specifically identify how their pride was being inflated, but it had something to do with the brethren and the man overtaken in the error. Whatever it was it resulted in (2) a failure to “mourn.” There was much to mourn about, i.e., the eternal condition of the offender, and the effect the neglect would have upon individuals, and/or the church collectively. (Cont. pg. 2)

In some societies, such fornication would have been subject to civil vengeance, i.e., death. This failure did not hold in high esteem the physical well-being of the man, the salvation of the man, nor the influence upon the church. (3) They failed to remove, or, that the man “be taken away from among you.” The Lord does not look peaceably upon brethren who fail to address issues and respond in a righteous manner.

When the Apostle Paul addressed the issue, he said, “deliver such a one unto Satan, for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus” (Vs. 5). In some such cases, the Lord expects the brethren to act swiftly, and decisively to preserve the spiritual well-being of the offender.

The Apostle Paul indicated that the indecisive actions of the brethren presented a collective dilemma, i.e., “a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.” The effects of sin are not without collective consequences. Therefore, Paul’s admonition to the Corinthians was, “I wrote unto you not to keep company, if any man that is named a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such a one no, not to eat” (1 Corinthians 5:11).

It appears that the brethren in Corinth heeded the words of the Apostle Paul, for of this man, the Apostle Paul said, “Sufficient to such a one is this punishment which was inflicted by the many; so that contrariwise ye should rather forgive him and comfort him, lest by any means such a one should be swallowed up with his overmuch sorrow. Wherefore I beseech you to confirm your love toward him. For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye are obedient in all things” (2 Corinthians 2:6-9).

The Apostle Paul, said, “Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey the lusts thereof: neither present your members unto sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves unto God, as alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God” (Romans 6:12-13). Ross Triplett

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- I. Warning Against the Lack of Knowledge: Hos. 4:6**
- II. Search of Knowledge Will be Rewarded:**
 - A. Prov. 8:1-9 – “They are all plain to him that understandeth, And right to them that find knowledge.”
 - B. Prov. 2:1-5 – Man’s part
 - C. Prov. 2:10-14 – Wisdom’s part
 - D. Prov. 2:12-15 – Will deliver thee
- III. What About Your Life?**
 - A. 1 Thess. 5:23 – “may your spirit and soul and body be preserved entire...”
 - B. Eccl. 12:7 – The dust returns to the earth...the spirit unto God.
 - C. Eccl. 11:9 – Judgment will come to all
 - D. Acts 24:15 – There will be a resurrection.
 - E. 2 Cor. 5:10 – “we must all be made manifest before judgment-seat of Christ...”
 - F. Matt. 25:31-32, 46, 41 – a separation of the righteous and the wicked.
 - G. 1 Thess. 4:16-18 – “ever be with the Lord”
- IV. Provisions Have Been Made:**
 - A. Titus 2:11-12 – “grace of God hath appeared.”
 - B. Lk. 19:10 – The Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost.
 - C. Matt. 11:28-30 – Jesus issued an invitation to all who will come.
 - D. Rev. 22:17 – The Spirit, the church, and all who hear, let him say, Come.

Solomon Says

The discretion of a man maketh him slow to anger; And it is his glory to pass over a transgression.

Proverbs 9:11