

Revealed Knowledge Pt 1

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Scripture Study

People everywhere are looking for answers, they are looking for truth. Each choose different paths to find answers to their questions. Some turn to higher learning, some to eastern religions, some even to the occult. There is only one true source for truth and that is Jesus Christ. Today we see multitudes that believe that Jesus is the truth yet still they are unable to obtain truth. Paul said it this way. "Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." (2 Tim 3:7) Can we find truth and then know truth when we do find it? Yes! We must learn to be totally dependent upon the Word and the Spirit of God and not upon our Pastor or friends. This is not to say that the Lord doesn't use others to help point us toward the truth because He does, yet there is only one pure source for truth and His name is Jesus.

I Kings 3:5-8

5 At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?"

6 And Solomon said: "You have shown great mercy to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You; You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.

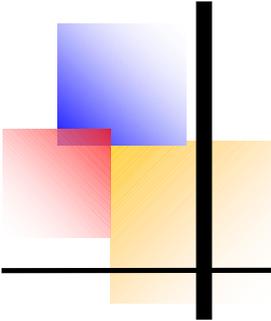
✠ David walked before the Lord in truth, righteousness and in uprightness of heart. Jesus said "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth." (John 17:17) The truth [or Word] causes us to become sanctified [hallowed, holy]. It is truth and truth alone that sets us apart unto God not religion. Religion is built upon a belief system through knowledge learned. Christianity is built upon truth that is revealed by the Spirit of God. The devil will try everything to keep us from the truth. He doesn't even care if we go to church 7 days a week as long as it is religious in nature.

Sanctify - #37 to make holy, i.e. (ceremonially) purify or consecrate; (mentally) to venerate: signifies to set apart for God, to sanctify, to make a person or thing the opposite of "common"; it is translated "Hallowed," with reference to the name of God the Father in the Lord's Prayer.

7 Now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.

8 And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted. (NKJV)

✠ Jesus said if we would humble ourselves as a little child that God would exalt us. Here we see an example of this. Realizing we are but little children that don't know how to go out or to come in opens the door for Him to take over and work His mighty work through us.



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1 Kings 3:9-14

9 Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?"

10 The speech pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing.

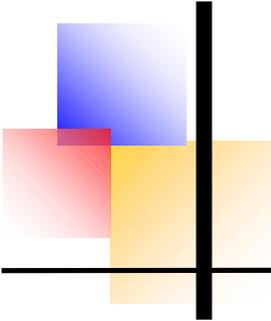
11 Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice,

12 behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you.

13 And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days.

14 So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." (NKJV)

✠ The cross reference in my Bible translates understanding as hearing. Solomon was asking God for a hearing heart, a heart to understand. Solomon wanted to know God's ways and to draw from the depth of His knowledge, wisdom and understanding. Jesus taught about hearing and understanding in the parable of the sower and He said. "[Things are hidden temporarily only as a means to revelation.] For there is nothing hidden except to be revealed, nor is anything [temporarily] kept secret except in order that it may be made known. If any man has ears to hear, let him be listening and let him perceive and comprehend. And He said to them, Be careful what you are hearing. The measure [of thought and study] you give [to the truth you hear] will be the measure [of virtue and knowledge] that comes back to you - and more [besides] will be given to you who hear." (Mark 4:22-24) Jesus wasn't talking about physical ears, He was talking about the ears of your heart. The way you perceive and comprehend truth is governed by the way you hear or understand, and the amount of power and knowledge that comes to you is governed by the way you measure the truth you hear. When we learn to draw on God's wisdom, understanding and knowledge, riches, honor and long life will come as a result of having a heart of hearing, discerning and understanding. There is more to hearing than physical ears listening to physical sounds.



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Proverbs 3:13-18

- 13 Happy is the person who finds wisdom and gains understanding.
14 For the profit of wisdom is better than silver, and her wages are better than gold.
15 Wisdom is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her.
16 She offers you life in her right hand, and riches and honor in her left.
17 She will guide you down delightful paths; all her ways are satisfying.
18 Wisdom is a tree of life to those who embrace her; happy are those who hold her tightly. NLT

✠ Many Christians go without the provision Jesus bought and paid for. The Word says that God's people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge. Throughout the Bible we can see prosperity, honor, long life, health, peace and many more blessings too numerous to list. Jesus shed His blood as the guarantee of the New Testament. However God always places conditions on every one of His promises or provisions. God directly connects faith, patience, stewardship, obedience, wisdom, understanding and knowledge to all of His promises. We must first know what is in our Covenant with God. If we don't have a discerning heart full of wisdom, understanding and knowledge God's provision will elude us most of the time.

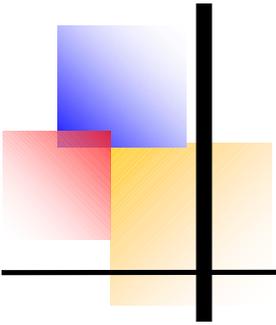
Ephesians 1:16-18

- 16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;
17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and **revelation (#602)** in the knowledge of him:
18 The eyes of your understanding being **enlightened; (#5461)** that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, (KJV)

✠ Paul was praying for the Lord to give the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. Paul wanted them to know Him not just know about him. In order to know Him we must have the eyes of our understanding enlightened [illuminated]. The Amplified Bible says it this way. "That He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him, by having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set-apart ones)." Paul was asking for a spirit of uncovering [disclosure] he wanted to see an unveiling of truth concerning knowing Him.

Revelation - #602 disclosure: appearing, coming, lighten, manifestation, be revealed, revelation. An uncovering, unveiling, denotes "a revelation, or appearing" (Eng., apocalypse). It is translated "the appearing" in <1 Pet. 1:7>, KJV (RV, "revelation").

Enlighten - #5461 to shed rays, i.e. to shine or (transitively) to brighten up (literally or figuratively) enlighten, illuminate, (bring to, give) light, make to see.



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Colossians 1:9-10

9 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;

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; (KJV)

✚ The Amplified Bible reads like this. "That you may be filled with the full (deep and clear) knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom [in comprehensive insight into the ways and purposes of God] and in understanding and discernment of spiritual things - that you may (live and conduct yourselves) in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him and desiring to please Him in all things, bearing fruit in every good work and steadily growing and increasing in and by the knowledge of God [with fuller, deeper, and clearer insight, acquaintance, and recognition]." In order to walk worthy of the Lord and to please Him is only possible through knowing and understanding His ways. The Greek word epignosis 1922, translated knowledge means "full, or thorough knowledge, discernment, recognition." This kind of knowledge is more than learned knowledge it is knowledge revealed. God has provided everything necessary for us to know His will and to know Him. If we are doing without it isn't His fault, it is ours.

Hebrews 6:17

God also bound himself with an oath, so that those who received the promise could be perfectly sure that he would never change his mind. (NLT)

Psalms 119:130

The entrance and unfolding of Your words give light; their unfolding gives understanding (discernment and comprehension) to the simple. AMP

Psalms 119:130

The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple. (KJV)

Psalms 119:105

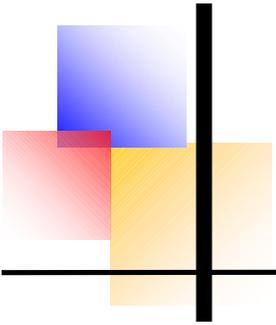
Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. (NKJV)

Psalms 89:15

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, O LORD. (NIV)

Psalms 97:11

Light is sown for the [uncompromisingly] righteous and strewn along their pathway, and joy for the upright in heart [the irrepressible joy which comes from consciousness of His favor and protection]. AMP



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Proverbs 6:23

For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life: (KJV)

Daniel 2:22

He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. (KJV)

John 1:4-5

4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. (KJV)

John 3:21

But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God." (NKJV)

John 8:12

Jesus said to the people, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't be stumbling through the darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life." (NLT)

2 Corinthians 4:6

For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made us understand that this light is the brightness of the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ. (NLT)

Ephesians 5:13-14

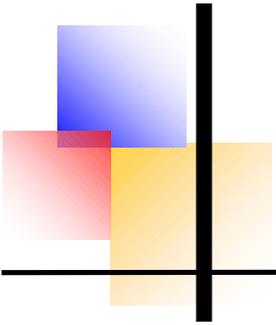
13 But everything exposed by the light becomes visible,

14 for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: "Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." (NIV)

I John 1:5

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. (KJV)

✠ Everything that is exposed to the light becomes visible. As the light of God shines upon our innermost lives many times what we see revealed is not a pretty sight. It is the job of the Holy Ghost to reveal Jesus to us who is the light. As Jesus is revealed to us we are to let that which is revealed conform us into the image of what is revealed. It is not always an easy road to walk. Many of the old grave clothes will not want to come off without a struggle. We are to present ourselves as a living sacrifice unto God. This is just our reasonable service.



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Study Questions

1. Give a detailed description of what Solomon was asking God to do for him.
2. T or F. The Lord was displeased with Solomon's request.
3. T or F. Proverbs 3:13-18 explains why riches and honor were given to Solomon even though he didn't ask God for them.
4. Expound on Ephesians 1:16-18 using the Greek words #602 and (#5461) to assist you in giving a detailed answer.
5. What will be the results of being filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding according to Colossians 1:9-10.
6. Complete the following verse. "The entrance of thy..."
7. Share any insight that you received from the scriptures on light as found on page 4.
8. What did God reveal to you as you studied?

Extra Blessing

(Study To Show Yourself Approved Unto God 2 Timothy 2:15)

Proverbs Chapter 1