

Knowing God: Show Me Your Glory

Overview: Daniel 11:32 says, “but the people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits.” We are not talking about knowing about God but knowing Him as your intimate father. When you know your Abba in that way, you develop a deep trust in Him because you know who He is, His ways, His character, and His love.

A. Know His Ways.

1. God made known His ways to Moses. Ps 103:7
Psa 103:7 He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.
2. God’s ways are not our ways. Is 55:7-9
Isa 55:7-9 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.
3. The primary attribute of God is His righteousness (holiness). Ps 97:2; Is 6:2-3
Psa 97:2 Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne.
Isa 6:1-3 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. 2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. 3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.
4. From God’s righteousness flows his mercy, goodness, grace, and love. Ps 89:14
Psa 89:14 Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.
5. In God’s Glory we see His goodness, mercy, grace, and righteousness. Ex 33:18-19
Ex 34:5-8
Exo 33:18-19 And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory. 19 And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.
Exo 34:5-8 And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. 6 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, 7 Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation. 8 And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped.

B. Know His Righteousness.

1. Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. Mat 6:33
Mat 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
2. God tempts, tries, or tests no man. Jam 1:13
Jas 1:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:
3. It is impossible for God to lie. Heb 6:18
Heb 6:18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:
4. God is light, walk in the light. 1 Jn 1:5-7; 2:8-11
1Jn 1:5-7 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. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.
1Jn 2:8-11 Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth. 9 He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. 10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. 11 But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

C. Know His Goodness.

1. His goodness reveals his mercy and this grace. Ex 33:19
Exo 33:19 And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.
2. God is abundant in goodness. Ex 34:6
Exo 34:6 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,
3. How great is God's goodness. Ps 31:19
Psa 31:19 Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men
4. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. Ps 33:5
Psa 33:5 He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.
5. The goodness of God leads to repentance. Rom 2:4
Rom 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?
6. Every good and perfect gift comes down from the Father of Lights. Jam 1:17
Jas 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

D. Know His Love

1. From His Face flow mercy and lovingkindness. Ps 89:14
Psa 89:14 Justice and judgment *are* the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.
2. Grounded in love, to know His love that passes understanding. Eph 3:17-19
Eph 3:17-19 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; 19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.
3. God loves us, believe His love, dwell in love. 1 Jn 4:10,16-19
1Jn 4:10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.
1Jn 4:16-19 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. 17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. 19 We love him, because he first loved us.

E. Know His Faithfulness

1. God is faithful. Ps 89:1-3
Psa 89:1-3 I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations. 2 For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens. 3 I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant,
2. He is the faithful God. Deu 7:9
Deu 7:9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he *is* God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations.
3. Great is God's faithfulness. Lam 3:22-23
Lam 3:22 It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. 23 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.
4. He will never, ever leave us nor forsake us. Heb 13:5
Heb 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

F. Know His Power

1. God has a mighty arm and a strong right hand. Ps 89:13
Psa 89:13 Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.
2. God wants us to know His exceeding power toward us. Eph 1:19
Eph 1:19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,
3. We are strengthened with all might according to His glorious power. Col 1:11
Col 1:11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;