

Knowing God and His Ways

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Psalms 103:6-7 AMP

(6) The Lord executes righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

(7) He made KNOWN His WAYS [of righteousness and justice] to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel.”

The purpose of this teaching is to bring understanding about how you should view God and how he does things in the earth.

It's difficult to follow God without knowing Him and His ways.

Psalms 78

(39) For He remembered that they were but flesh, a breath that passes away and does not come again.

(40) How often they provoked Him in the wilderness and grieved Him in the desert!

Psalms 78:41-43 NKJV

(41) Yes, again and again they tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

(42) They did not remember His power: The day when He redeemed them from the enemy,

(43) When He worked His signs in Egypt, and His wonders in the field of Zoan;”

God expected Israel to choose to believe in Him and follow His ways.

Deuteronomy 30:17-18 NKJV

(17) But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them,

(18) I announce to you today that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to go in and possess it.

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 NKJV

(19) I call heaven and earth as witnesses today AGAINST you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore, CHOOSE LIFE, that both you and your descendants may live;

(20) that you may love the Lord your God, that you may OBEY His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.””

God expects us to choose to obey him. He does not stop us from making a poor choice.

This is where many Christians misunderstand God. They expect God to protect them from the error of their own ways, even from their disobedience and lack of knowledge.

Joshua 24:15 NKJV

(15) And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, CHOOSE for yourselves THIS DAY whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.””

The decision to obey God is time sensitive. A delay could be a major setback or fatal.

Hosea 4:6 NKJV

(6) My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have FORGOTTEN the law of your God, I also will forget YOUR children.”

Not understanding the importance of “making God choices” is why so many people suffer in life. Eventually, it becomes generational.

Some people just don't like God's way of doing things. So, they change what God will do or tolerate. Making a law for their own life..... Their truth.
