

## Knowing God by the Spirit Through the Word

In the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom. A natural man (non-christian), does not accept the things of the Spirit of God. He is not able to understand because they are spiritually discerned. However, a Christian (spiritual man), has received the Spirit who is from God, and this allows him to understand and to know God.

*Read you Bible in order to know the one true God. That is His primary, ordained way to know Him.*

1Corinthians 1:21 For since, **in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom**, it pleased God through the **folly of what we preach to save those who believe**.

1Corinthians 2:12 Now **we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God**.

1Corinthians 2:13 And **we impart this in words** not taught by human wisdom but **taught by the Spirit**, interpreting spiritual truths **to those who are spiritual**.

1Corinthians 2:14 The **natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God**, for they are folly to him, and **he is not able to understand them** because **they are spiritually discerned**.

1Corinthians 13:12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”

**A.W. Tozer**

Genesis 1:1 **In the beginning, God** created the heavens and the earth.

*In air navigation, the **1 in 60 rule** is a rule of thumb which states that if a pilot has travelled sixty miles then an error in track of one mile is approximately a 1° error in heading, and proportionately more for larger errors.*

- *After 100 yards, you'll be off by 5.2 feet. Not huge, but noticeable.*

- *After a mile, you'll be off by 92.2 feet. One degree is starting to make a difference.*
- *After traveling from San Francisco to L.A., you'll be off by 6 miles.*
- *If you were trying to get from San Francisco to Washington, D.C., you'd end up on the other side of Baltimore, 42.6 miles away.*

Jeremiah 8:9 The wise men shall be put to shame; they shall be dismayed and taken; behold, **they have rejected the word of the Lord**, so what wisdom is in them?

1Corinthians 2:16 “For who has **understood the mind of the Lord** so as to instruct him?” But **we have the mind of Christ**.

“If you want to hear God speak, read your Bible out loud.”

**John Piper**

John 17:3 And this is eternal life, **that they know you, the only true God**, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

Jeremiah 9:23 Thus says the Lord: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches,

Jeremiah 9:24 but let him who boasts boast in this, **that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord.**”

Hosea 6:6 For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, **the knowledge of God** rather than burnt offerings.

Exodus 20:1 And God spoke all these words, saying,

Exodus 20:2 “I am the Lord your God, **who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.**

Exodus 20:3 “You shall have **no other gods before me.**

Exodus 20:4 “**You shall not make for yourself** a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

Exodus 20:5a You shall not bow down to them or serve them, **for I the Lord your God am a jealous God...**

*“The heart of the objection to pictures or images is that they inevitably conceal most, if not all, of the truth about the personal nature and character of the divine Being whom they represent.”*

**J.I. Packer**

Isaiah 55:8 For **my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways**, declares the Lord.

Isaiah 55:9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, **so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.**

Isaiah 44:24 Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, who formed you from the womb: “I am the Lord, who made **all things**, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself,

Romans 1:22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools,

Romans 1:23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

Exodus 32:1 When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron and said to him, “**Up, make us gods who shall go before us.** As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.”

Exodus 32:2 So Aaron said to them, “Take off the rings of gold that are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.”

Exodus 32:3 So all the people took off the rings of gold that were in their ears and brought them to Aaron.

Exodus 32:4 And he received the gold from their hand and **fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf**. And they said, **“These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!”**

Exodus 32:5 When Aaron saw this, **he built an altar** before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, **“Tomorrow shall be a feast to the Lord.”**

Exodus 32:6 And they rose up early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings. And the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.

Exodus 32:7 And the Lord said to Moses, “Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, **have corrupted themselves**.

Exodus 32:8 They have turned aside quickly **out of the way** that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, **who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’”**

*A **corrupted** view of God leads to **corrupted** worship, which leads to **corrupted** hope, which leads to a **corrupted** life.*

Isaiah 46:6 Those who lavish gold from the purse, and weigh out silver in the scales, **hire a goldsmith, and he makes it into a god**; then they fall down and worship!

Isaiah 46:7 **They lift it to their shoulders, they carry it**, they set it in its place, and it stands there; it cannot move from its place. **If one cries to it, it does not answer or save him from his trouble.**

Isaiah 40:18 **To whom then will you liken God**, or what likeness compare with him?

Isaiah 40:19 An idol! A craftsman casts it, and a goldsmith overlays it with gold and casts for it silver chains.

Isaiah 40:20 He who is too impoverished for an offering chooses wood that will not rot; he seeks out a skillful craftsman to set up an idol that will not move.

Isaiah 40:21 Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

Isaiah 40:22 **It is he who sits above the circle of the earth**, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;

Isaiah 40:23 who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

Isaiah 40:24 Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

Isaiah 40:25 **To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One.**

Deuteronomy 4:15 “Therefore watch yourselves very carefully. **Since you saw no form** on the day that the Lord spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire,

Deuteronomy 4:16 beware lest you act corruptly by making a carved image for yourselves, **in the form of any figure**, the likeness of male or female,

Deuteronomy 4:17 the likeness of any animal that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the air,

Deuteronomy 4:18 the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the water under the earth.

“We were made in His image, but we must not think of Him as existing in ours.”

Romans 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

Hebrews 1:1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,

Hebrews 1:2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

John 14:9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has **seen me** has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

John 5:39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and **it is they that bear witness about me,**

John 5:40 yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.

John 5:46 For if you believed Moses, **you would believe me; for he wrote of me.**

1Corinthians 2:2 For I decided to **know** nothing among you except Jesus **Christ** and him crucified.

Philippians 3:8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of **knowing Christ** Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain **Christ**

2Peter 3:17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, **take care that you are not carried away with the error** of lawless people and **lose your own stability.**

2Peter 3:18 But **grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.** To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.