

Title: TO KNOW GOD IS MY DESIRE

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I want to know God

- a. Like Moses did
- b. Like Abraham did
- d. But in my own way

Phillipians 2:12b ¹² "... work out your own salvation with fear and trembling'

Exodus 33:8-11 ⁸ So it was, whenever Moses went out to the tabernacle, that all the people rose, and each man stood at his tent door and watched Moses until he had gone into the tabernacle. ⁹ And it came to pass, when Moses entered the tabernacle, that the pillar of cloud descended and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the LORD talked with Moses. ¹⁰ All the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the tabernacle door, and all the people rose and worshiped, each man in his tent door ¹¹ So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle.

Numbers 12:6-8 ⁶ Then He said, "Hear now My words: If there is a prophet among you, I, the LORD, make Myself known to him in a vision; I speak to him in a dream. ⁷ Not so with My servant Moses; He is faithful in all My house.⁸ I speak with him face to face, Even plainly, and not in dark sayings; And he sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid To speak against My servant Moses?"

What can we learn?

- a. If there is a prophet
 - i. Someone that is ready to hear the voice of God
 - ii. To do what God tells Him to do
 - iii. Say what God tells him to say
- b. Make myself known
 - i. Vision
 - ii. Dream
- c. Differentiating factor
 - i. Moses was faithful in all of God's House
- d. How did God speak to Moses?
 - i. Face to face
 - ii. Plainly, not in dark sayings
 - iii. He saw the form of the Lord

James 2:23 ²³ And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS ACCOUNTED TO HIM FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS." And he was called the friend of God.

Isaiah 41:8 ⁸ "But you, Israel, are My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, The descendants of Abraham My friend.

Genesis 23:3-5 ³ Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father ⁴ And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; ⁵ because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws."

What differentiated Abraham as the friend of God?

- i. Believed (counted for righteousness)
- ii. Obeyed God's voice
 - 1. Direct verbal instruction
- iii. Kept God's
 - 1. Charge
 - entrust (someone) with a task as a duty or responsibility
- iii. Kept God's
 - 2. Commandments
 - a divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments
- iii. Kept God's
 - 3. Statutes
 - a. a law or decree made by a sovereign, or by God
 - b. a rule of an organization or institution
 - c. a written law passed by a legislative body
- iii. Kept God's
 - 4. Laws
 - the system of rules which a particular country or community recognizes as regulating the actions of its members and which it may enforce by the imposition of penalties

John 14:15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

1Chronicles 28:9

"As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever. **14:15** "If you love

How should we seek Him

- a. With a loyal heart
 - i. A heart that does not wonder off
 - ii. That does not seek its own

- iii. A heart that continually seeks
 - b. A willing mind
- i. Willing to believe the unknown and the impossible
- ii. To consider God favourably
- iii. More than just an open mind

Psalm 14:1-3 ¹ To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, They have done abominable works, There is none who does good. ² The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there are any who understand, who seek God. ³ They have all turned aside, They have together become corrupt; There is none who does good, No, not one.

- a. He looks at
 - i. Their hearts
 - ii. Their minds / thoughts
- b. He makes himself known to them

c. We cannot discover Him without Him revealing Himself

- i. God came to Moses in the burning bush
- ii. God came to Abraham
- iii. Jesus appeared to Saul who became Paul
- iv. We cannot go to where God is and find him
 - v. He dwells in the unseen realm, a place that we can't find with GPS
 - vi. He cannot be found like the lost ark or a lost temple
 - vii. Our task is to seek, He will find us
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Hebrews 11:6 "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

How do we seek?

- a. With faith
- b. With diligence
- c. Studying the Bible
- d. Prayer
- e. Worship
- f. Obedience

I felt the Lord say to me

- a. Do not seek me with ceremonies, but seek Me with all your heart
- b. Listen to the whisper of My voice