

# Prayer Notes

## Know God

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I believe when we know God our thoughts will begin to line up with His Word; that's when thinking right begins.

**Daniel 11:32 KJV** says,

“And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.”

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The definition of exploits is “put to good use, or draw on”. Our strength, in spirit, mind, and body is put to good use because we know God. That's exciting to me! I hate to see someone wasted away or their gifts wasted. You have gifts given to you from God.

To know God is to know His reputation. For example, if I know someone as a very kind and considerate person their reputation is dependable in that regard. Here are attributes about our God— what He was and is: God made, said, saw, called, formed, created, planted, commanded, spoke, walked, went, destroyed, opened, healed, provided, gave, brought, listened, judged, dealt, appeared, forbade, visited, met, brought, led, and helped. God is merciful, gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth. God instructed, warned, abhorred and hated. God loved, He promised, God got angry, was pleased, multiplied, and delivered, God is jealous, is consuming, God is powerful, almighty. He has no beginning and no end. God is patient, and chaseneth,

**Deuteronomy 9:3 KJV** says,

“Understand therefore this day, that the Lord thy God is he which goeth over before thee; as a consuming fire he shall destroy them, and he shall bring them down before thy face: so shalt thou drive them out, and destroy them quickly, as the Lord hath said unto thee.”

God saves, reveals, changes not, or lies not. God is good, true and righteous. God is faithful and just and forgives. God is light, is perfect, manifests, abides, is great, blesses. God is the most high.

That's our God!

**Psalms 78:8 AMPC** says,

“And might not be as their fathers—a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation that set not their hearts aright, nor prepared their hearts to know God, and whose spirits were not steadfast and faithful to God.”

It's time to set our hearts to know God and be known of Him. God was action in the Old Testament and personified as Jesus and the Holy Spirit in the New Testament. Now, the church has been given authority to do the works of God the Father, and Jesus with our helper The Holy Spirit.

**Mark 16:15 KJV** says,

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”

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**John 12:32 KJV** says,

“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me.”

Our life should be a visible reflection of God and of Jesus’ ministry on the earth. We are pointing people to Jesus through our actions and speech.

Anxiety, cares, fear, and, yes, disobedience can cause the reflection of Jesus to grow dim.

We must take the responsibility to kick out anything that diminishes the light and life of Jesus in us.

**Matthew 5:14, 16 KJV** says,

“Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. [16] Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

Even if the world is not interested in following the God who we serve we must still remain faithful. Sure, we want God to manifest in such a powerful way so it gets their attention. But, what is more powerful than Jesus dying on the cross for all mankind? Salvation is the most powerful miracle. It’s a dangerous place to give no honor to Jesus or to not accept what Jesus did. Deliverance without discipline and discipleship is also dangerous. Having a pastor and church is part of knowing God and learning about His Word.

Let’s remain faithful and focused on knowing God ourselves. As we continue to know God, we will be a light in the darkness.

Have a great week!

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