

TOPIC	KNOWING GOD FOR YOURSELF
DATE	Sunday, August 16, 2026

MEMORY VERSE	“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.” Daniel 11:32 (KJV)
BIBLE TEXT	<i>Exodus 3:1-6</i>

INTRODUCTION
It is good to know of a person but it is much better to know the person. For example, so many people know the president of their countries (this is knowing of a person while only a few actually have a relationship with him or her (this is knowing the person). In a similar manner, several people know of God, but how many can really say they have a relationship with Him? There are great benefits to knowing a person intimately. So as to maximize all the benefits God has in store for us, we have to get to know Him for ourselves.
LESSON OUTLINE
A. KNOWING GOD B. BENEFITS OF KNOWING GOD FOR YOURSELF C. DISADVANTAGES OF NOT KNOWING GOD FOR YOURSELF
A. KNOWING GOD According to today's memory verse, we see that those that know their God shall be strong and do exploits. God is multi-dimensional, so it is our duty to know all of the different dimensions He is willing to reveal to us. As Christians, we never exhaust the knowledge of God. God is the Lion of the tribe of Judah, a consuming fire, the mighty man of war, etc. He is also the Lamb, the Prince of Peace, our Father, etc. We also know that the scripture refers to Him by other names by which we can also know Him. Let's consider a few: 1. The Lord of Heaven's Armies (Isaiah 10:16, 43:5; Exodus 15:3) – As the Lord of all the armies, God shows His superiority and class. No one challenges the Lord of Heaven's Armies and comes out alive (Exodus 32:25-29, 1 Kings 18:22-40). This is why we can confidently declare that when the enemies come against God's people in one way, they will truly flee in seven ways (Deuteronomy 28:7). 2. Our Redeemer (Isaiah 41:14, 43:6,14) – This God is love and dwells in love. This is His nature. He is loving and it is out of this love He chose to redeem us back unto Himself. Galatians 3:13; John 3:16; Revelation 13:8. 3. Jehovah Jireh (Genesis 22:14) – This Lord doesn't need to rely on people for anything. Psalms 50:10 shows how sufficient He is. Unlike the other gods, they have to be carved and moved around. Our Lord moves to and fro the earth as He pleases. Deuteronomy 23:14, 2 Chronicles 16:9.

4. The Sovereign Lord (**Jeremiah 32:17; 2 Samuel 7:18; Psalm 71:16 NLT**) – He is supreme and cannot be challenged. He also sits in a class of His own.

B. BENEFITS OF KNOWING GOD FOR YOURSELF

Here are a few benefits of knowing God for ourselves:

1. To be strong in our belief in Him. **John 4:42.**
2. To do exploits for Him. **Daniel 11:32.**
3. Deliverance in the day of trouble (**Psalm 50:15**). We have to know God for ourselves because when the day of trouble comes, He is the only One who can deliver us.
4. To take up His character. **2 Corinthians 3:18.**
5. To learn His ways. **Psalm 119:11.**
6. To be equipped for battle. **Ephesians 6:10-18**

C. DISADVANTAGES OF NOT KNOWING GOD FOR YOURSELF

Just as there are benefits to knowing God for ourselves, there are also dangers to not knowing Him for ourselves. In a world where there are several false gods, like the scripture attests to (**Psalm 96:5, Exodus 20:3, 1 Kings 18:21**), it is much more important we labor to know Him.

Here are some consequences of not knowing Him personally:

1. Inability to love (**1 John 4:8**).
2. Punishment from God (**2 Thessalonians 1:8**).
3. Failure to keep His commandment (**1 John 2:3**).
4. No eternal life (**John 17:3**).
5. Lack of strength in the day of adversity or weakness (**Psalm 119:28**).
6. Risk of serving other gods (**Galatians 4:8**)

CONCLUSION

Psalm 91:15a says "He shall call upon me, and I will answer him." **2 Timothy 2:19** says God knows those people who are His. In other words, God clearly differentiates between those who know of Him from those who Know Him. God therefore wants us to labor in seeking to know Him because He desires our fellowship.

QUESTIONS

1. What steps should you take to know God for yourself?
2. What can hinder you from knowing him fully.