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Wednesday, October 13, 2021 - Group Study

Lesson Series: Kingdom Minded

Lesson Series Text: *(Luke 17:20-21)*

Lesson 2: The Knowledge Of God

Lesson 2 Text: *(2 Pet. 1:1-4)*

All Scriptures are KJV; unless otherwise noted.

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- I. Without the knowledge of God, one cannot come out of the World System.
 - A. The knowledge of God is revelation knowledge; it is not natural knowledge.
 - a. *(John 17:3 - And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent)*. The word know (*ginóskō*) means absolute knowledge.
 - b. It is not enough to know about Christ, we must know him intimately. *(Phi. 3:10 – That I may know him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death.)*
 - c. The key word in our lesson text is knowledge (*epígnōsis*) – full discernment, which includes a personal involvement in acquiring the knowledge. *Gnōsis* is fragmented knowledge.
 - B. It is through the knowledge of God that we obtain the great and precious promises of God’s Kingdom.
 - a. We receive life (*Zoe*), godliness and His divine nature. *(3-4)*
 - C. God said that “*His People*” were destroyed for lack of knowledge. *(Hos. 4:6)*
 - a. He didn’t say because of a lack of money, formal education or lack of the right employment.
 - D. Real wealth (kingdom wealth) doesn’t come by education alone; but by revelation.
 - a. Economic deterioration is a byproduct of the ignorance of God’s system of wealth and the failure to honor the giver of wealth—Jehovah. *(Deu. 8:1-18)*
 - b. Education alone cannot bring a lasting economical system—it will not stop poverty.
 - E. There must be God’s Revelation of the Kingdom of God within the believer; which supplies all of our needs according to His riches. *(Phi. 4:19)*
 - F. This is why the Kingdom of God, and His Righteousness must be sought first and why the Kingdom of God must be preached.
 - a. Seeking the Kingdom of God brings God’s provisions. First He gives His vision; then the *provision*.
 - b. Through His Kingdom, God has given us everything that we will ever need, independent of what happens in this world.

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- c. God's Kingdom Power is available wherever we are because the Kingdom is within us. (*Luke 17:21*)
- II. Revelation Knowledge comes from the Father. He must reveal Kingdom Knowledge to us. (*Mat. 16:13-19*)
 - A. Our born again spirit must be renewed in knowledge. (*Col. 3:10 - And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him.:*)
- III. Initially, God created man to operate like Him, as a Son of God. (*Gen. 1:27*)
 - A. The spiritual realm and the supernatural realm was the foundation of all existence.
 - a. All natural realms came from a spirit; God.
- IV. When Adam and Eve fell in the garden; the natural realm became predominant in human life. Their eyes were open—why were their eyes closed. (*Gen. 3:7*)
 - A. They became self-conscious rather than God-conscious.
 - B. They became sense-oriented and were led by their senses rather than Spirit-oriented and led by God's Spirit.
 - C. They became limited to the information in their minds rather than revelation in their spirit.
 - a. Previously, they operated on a higher level in every area of life. They had the abundant life.
- V. Jesus came as the prototype and life giver of The Kingdom of God. (*1 Cor. 15:45-50*)
 - A. The first Adam came as a living soul. He gave us our natural bodies.
 - B. The last Adam came as quickening spirit. His sacrifice gave us access to our new born again spirit, infused with God's own spirit.
 - C. Being the Lord from heaven; He came to bring the Kingdom of Heaven into the earth. His authority and provisions came from heaven. (*47-48*)
 - D. Natural flesh cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. (*50*)
 - a. One must be born again to enter the Kingdom of God. (*John 3:5*)
 - E. Mankind was made the lord of this earth. (*Psa. 115:16*)
 - a. Man was given the rule and dominion of earth back in the beginning of creation.
- VI. As we receive more of the Knowledge of God:
 - A. Grace and peace is multiplied to us. (*2 Pet. 1:2*)
 - B. We can receive all the things that have been given to us, that pertains to life and godliness. (*3*)
 - C. We become partakers of the divine nature that has been given to us. (*4*)

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