

The knowledge that Yahweh has

In the same way that the Bible speaks about the riches of God's grace and mercy, it refers to the riches of understanding and the riches of knowledge. But the Scriptures are not simply referring to what we understand and what we know. When the word of God is preached to us, we are illuminated. Our spirits come alive and our conscience bears witness to the truth of what we have heard. We understand intuitively, with our 'hearts'. In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul prayed for the eyes of their hearts to be enlightened. While we certainly need to meet the word of God which brings illumination and understanding in our hearts, we must also meet the word at another level. We must apply our minds to knowledge. This is the knowledge that Yahweh has. This is the substance and content of the Everlasting Covenant written in the Scriptures.

There are two biblical words that refer to the knowledge of God. In the book of Habakkuk, we read, 'For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea'. In this verse, the word 'knowledge' means 'to know'. And certainly, the earth will *know about* the glory of Yahweh. However, in the book of Proverbs, there are two verses that speak about 'the knowledge of the Holy One'. Using another Hebrew word, these Scriptures refer to the knowledge that God possesses. The wise man said, 'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding'. But the literal translation of this verse brings a different emphasis. It says, 'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of *wisdom*, and the *knowledge* that the Holy One has, is understanding'.

References:

Pro 24:4 Rom 11:33
 Mat 13:15 Eph 1:18
 Hab 2:14 Pro 9:10
 Pro 30:3

Further Study

2Ti 2

Daily Proverb

Proverbs 2

The words of the wise

Many Christians do not value knowledge of the Holy One. They fear knowledge as if it is worldly wisdom that is derived from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. They quote the apostle Paul who said, 'Knowledge puffs up but love edifies', in his letter to the Corinthians. But Paul commended 'knowledge' to the Philippians when he wrote, 'And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ'. What an amazing thought! The knowledge of God (that is, *His knowledge*), actually causes love to abound!

In the book of Proverbs, the Lord said, 'Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise, and apply your mind to My knowledge'. As disciples, we cannot be a messenger, a preacher or a teacher, without the knowledge of the covenant. In the Old Testament, the prophets and priests were the wise men who brought God's knowledge to the people.

When the Scriptures are preached to us, we gain understanding through illumination. We can say 'Yes and Amen' to the truth that we have heard. But we cannot teach this truth to others until we comprehend the body of knowledge in the covenant. This knowledge comes to us from the Scriptures as we apply our minds to knowledge. Having received illumination as understanding, we must give ourselves to knowledge. For instance, we have heard it proclaimed that the Lord has *ransomed* us. Our spirit witnesses that this is true! But we must search the Scriptures, and particularly the books of Leviticus and Exodus, to gain knowledge. Otherwise, our illuminations and quickenings are impressions without substance.

References:

1Co 8:1 Php 1:9-10
Pro 22:17 Ecc 12:9-11
Pro 24:3-4 1Co 14:20

Further Study

1Co 2

Daily Proverb

Proverbs 3

Wisdom is the principal thing

In the book of Proverbs, we read, 'Wisdom is the principal thing. Therefore, get wisdom, and with all your getting, get understanding.' If we are to bring the 'words of the wise', we must firstly apply ourselves to understanding and knowledge. Obviously, we already know *about* God. But how do we acquire the knowledge that He has? We find it in the Scriptures of course! In the book of Acts, Paul commended the converts in Berea, saying, 'They received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so'. Paul commended the Jewish converts in Berea for testing the word that he and Silas brought. But the Bereans did not apply the filter of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. They were not assessing relative 'right and wrong'. The Bereans were trying to determine why the things taught by the apostle and prophet were true! They searched the Scriptures to find the knowledge that would support their illumination and understanding.

In his letter to the Romans, Paul said that the nation of Israel had pursued the law of righteousness but had not attained to it. He testified that the Jews had 'a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge'. They had made themselves arbitrators of 'right and wrong' because their zeal was according to the knowledge of the tree of good and evil. They did not have the true knowledge of the Lord and His Covenant. Therefore, they actually used the Scripture to crucify Jesus Christ. They used the body of God's knowledge to destroy the Word of God! Surely that is zeal without knowledge.

In Paul's letter to the Romans, He described the Lord as 'the only wise God'. And in his letter to Timothy he wrote, 'To God who alone is wise, be honour and glory forever and ever'. He is the '*Only Wise God*' because He lives in accordance with His infinite knowledge.

References:

Pro 4:7
Rom 10:1
1Ti 1:17
Ecc 7:25

Act 17:11
Rom 16:27
Psa 90:12

Rom 9:30-31

Further Study

Rom 9

Daily Proverb

Proverbs 4

The depth of the knowledge of God

The 'knowledge of the Holy One' refers to what God knows. But He is not just omniscient or all-knowing. His knowledge is boundless and immeasurable. When Moses received the covenant, he said that it was 'as the essence of the heavens for clearness'. As we join the fellowship of the word then we are finding the 'knowledge of the Holy One'. And as we are included in the knowledge of this covenant purpose then we become part of His new creation in Christ.

The apostle John saw overcomers standing on a vast expanse which he likened to a sea of glass before God's throne. They were singing the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb, saying, 'Great and marvellous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways.' Clearly, these ones had overcome Satan by the knowledge of Yahweh.

Paul also described the breadth of the knowledge of Yahweh. He declared, 'Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgements and unfathomable His ways!' It is an amazing thought that the Lord has revealed His knowledge to us through His Scriptures. He desires to give us the riches of understanding and knowledge through the 'words of the wise'; through those who preach and teach His word.

We are in grave error if we attempt to live out our Christian lives without a true scriptural understanding and knowledge of the Everlasting Covenant; His Covenant of sonship. When we make ourselves the arbitrator of what is true and rely solely on our own perception of His will, we stumble. We respond according to our emotive impulses, rather than the genuine knowledge that Yahweh has concerning a matter.

References:

Exo 24:10 Rev 4:6
Rev 15:2-3 Rom 11:33
Col 1:9 Col 3:16
1Jn 5:20

Further Study

Psa 119:89-112

Daily Proverb

Proverbs 5

Destroyed for lack of knowledge

When Paul prayed that the Colossians would be filled with ‘the knowledge of His will’, he was not suggesting that we should only know *about* His will. The apostle prayed that we would be filled with the scriptural content, the substance and information, the body of knowledge concerning His will. The prophet Hosea declared, ‘My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge’.

Through the prophet Hosea, God pronounced judgement on the house of Israel. He said, ‘Listen to the word of the Lord, O sons of Israel, for the Lord has a case against the inhabitants of the land, because there is no faithfulness or kindness or *knowledge of God* in the land. There is swearing, deception, murder, stealing and adultery. They employ violence, so that bloodshed follows bloodshed. Therefore, the land mourns, and everyone who lives in it languishes along with the beasts of the field and the birds of the sky, and also the fish of the sea disappear.’ There are implications for the whole of creation when we do not live in accordance with the knowledge of Yahweh.

In these statements, the prophet was not saying that God’s people did not know Him. Hosea used the particular Hebrew word that refers to the knowledge that God *possesses*. He was not simply referring to ‘knowing God’. The prophet continued, ‘My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being My priest.’ Isaiah likewise prophesied, ‘Therefore My people go into exile for their lack of knowledge; and their honorable men are famished, and their multitude is parched with thirst’. The message is clear. We will be destroyed if we do not acquire the knowledge of Yahweh in the covenant.

References:

Col 1:9 Hos 4:6
Hos 4:1-3 Isa 5:13
Jer 8:7 Isa 1:3
Isa 42:24-25

Further Study

Isa 5

Daily Proverb

Proverbs 6

The knowledge of Yahweh is absolute

The knowledge of Yahweh is not affected or altered by changes in worldly standards and measures. If the church only seeks to maintain a relative distance from the world, we will continue to move further away from the knowledge of Yahweh. The history of the church indicates that the evil committed in the world today will be accepted by the church in ten years' time. In fact, the church is already tolerating things that it would not countenance a decade ago. The apostle Paul declared that no fornicator, adulterer, homosexual, or embezzler would enter the kingdom of God. Paul could make these absolute statements because they were in accordance with the knowledge of Yahweh.

The apostle did not ask us to apply our own perceptions of 'right and wrong' to these matters. We are not asked to redefine sin. When we search the Scriptures, we find out the facts of the covenant and why the Lord is opposed to certain practices. In the book of Malachi, for example, we learn that the Lord seeks godly offspring through the covenant of marriage. Christian marriages produce sons of God in accordance with His covenant will, and their salvation is assured until they choose to walk away. However, the future of children born of fornication is not assured and they must find salvation another way. Therefore, God says, 'You shall not commit adultery'.

Today, we live in a world that has no absolute view of evil. Everything is relative. Illumination and understanding is not enough. We need to search the Scriptures and pursue 'true knowledge'. Truth is not arbitrary! Truth is the knowledge that Yahweh has. In the letter to the Hebrews, we learn 'there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do'.

References:

1Co 6:8-10
Exo 20:14
Act 3:25
Rom 13:12-14

Further Study

2Co 6

Daily Proverb

Proverbs 9

Understanding in the heart

Illumination comes to us as understanding in the heart. But this is not referring to the muscle that pumps blood around our bodies. According to Scripture, our heart is the meeting place of soul and spirit. The word of God comes to our hearts, not our minds. The preacher always goes before the teacher because we need illumination before information. We need preachers to turn the light on for us! In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul said that he prayed for the eyes of their understanding to be enlightened. After we have been illuminated, we must 'apply our minds to knowledge'. As we begin to search the Scriptures, we realise that it takes time to become a student of God's word. Knowledge does not come as easily as understanding. We gain illumination through the words of the wise, but knowledge must be accrued. It compounds and multiplies as Scripture interprets the Scripture.

When we apply our minds to knowledge, we are not referring to the information that we already possess. We are seeking *His* knowledge, the content of *His Covenant*. We read in the book of Proverbs that 'a wise man will hear and increase in learning'. Paul encouraged the Colossians to increase in knowledge. He prayed that they would 'walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God'. Wisdom is the action and application of understanding and knowledge. We are behaving wisely when we apply His knowledge in all of our daily interactions and circumstances. But we can only acquire wisdom after we have gained understanding and knowledge. Wisdom comes to us through the words of the wise. This is a corporate reality, not the province of any one individual. In the book of Proverbs, we read, 'In the multitude of counsellors, there is safety'.

References:

Heb 4:12
Pro 4:18
Pro 25:2
Col 1:10

Further Study

Col 2

Daily Proverb

Proverbs 10

Discovering the knowledge of *Elohim*

We do not gain wisdom through observation or experience. It is not the accumulation of our perceptions or intuitive sense concerning a matter. Wisdom comes from the words of the wise, through a multitude of counsellors. In the book of Proverbs, the wise man said, 'Make your ear attentive to wisdom, incline your heart to understanding'. When we hear the word preached, we must *incline* our hearts to understanding and then apply our minds to knowledge. As we search the Scriptures, we will find the knowledge of God that will confirm, support and substantiate our illumination. However, most Christians are not motivated Bereans who search and study their Bibles. Most charismatics are quite happy to trust their illuminations and their intuitive understanding. However, we must go to the next level if we desire to be true messengers who can communicate the word of God to others. We cannot minister to others from our intuitive sense alone. Our understanding has got to become *substantial* if we are to give an account of the knowledge of *Elohim*.

We read, 'For if you cry for discernment, lift your voice for understanding; if you seek her as silver and search for her as for hidden treasures; then you will discern the fear of the Lord and discover the knowledge of God [*Elohim*]'. Mostly, we don't need to discover the Father, Son and Holy Spirit because we are already acquainted. But we need to discover *Their knowledge* if we are to behave wisely. Because this knowledge is like *hidden* treasure, we will need to actively search for it. It will take considerable effort as we make enquiry and make Bible study our priority. God wants us to know what He knows because He is the God of covenant. However, the wise man said, 'It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter'.

References:

Pro 2:2-5 Act 17:11
 Pro 25:2 Ezz 7:10
 Psa 119:97 Mat 13:44

Further Study

Psa 19

Daily Proverb

Proverbs 11

Knowledge is easy

There is an interesting verse in the book of Proverbs which says, 'A scoffer seeks wisdom and finds none, but knowledge is easy to one who has understanding'. Acquiring the knowledge of Yahweh is not a cognitive exercise. We do not need to be smart. If we have already been illuminated, then the Scriptures will be easy to comprehend because they will witness true in our hearts. But if we are not illuminated, we will find that the knowledge of Yahweh is beyond us.

The book of Proverbs tell us that 'the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. For by me your days will be multiplied, and years of life will be added to you.' Both understanding and knowledge are essential if we are to truly apprehend His covenant will and purpose. Accordingly, long life is promised to those who find wisdom through the fear of the Lord.

Our heavenly Father wants to reveal His knowledge to us, but there is a certain order that He observes. We read in the book of Amos, 'Surely the Lord God does nothing unless He reveals His secret counsel to His servants the prophets'. In the book of Daniel, God revealed future events to His servant through several visions. After he had received illumination concerning the time of the end, Daniel sought to understand what he had seen. In response to his prayer, the Lord sent the angel Gabriel to explain the vision to the prophet. The holy prophets of old have written the Scriptures as the full revelation of the knowledge of Yahweh. In our day, the Lord sends messengers who proclaim the Scriptures as the word of present truth. We are illuminated by their word, and then we apply our minds to knowledge as we search and study the Scriptures around the word they have proclaimed.

References:

Pro 14:6 Pro 9:10-11
Amo 3:7 Dan 10:12
Gen 18:17 Psa 25:14

Further Study

Dan 9

Daily Proverb

Proverbs 12

A true knowledge of God's mystery

The apostle Paul made many references to the knowledge of God. In his letter to the Colossians, he expressed his desire for them to attain 'to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery'. What an amazing thought! We can have a true and full knowledge of God's mystery. Paul told the Colossians that they could 'be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding'. This knowledge would allow them to walk in a manner worthy of their calling. The psalmist declared, 'The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him, and He will make known to them His Covenant'. Proceeding from within the fellowship of the Godhead, the Everlasting Covenant represents the bountiful dialogue between Father, Son and Holy Spirit concerning the name and work of every son of God.

Paul wrote to the Corinthians, saying, 'But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place'. The apostle was not just referring to the joy of knowing Jesus. He was calling Christ's knowledge (what He knows) 'a sweet aroma'. We know that the 'soothing aroma' is a reference to the Old Testament burnt offering which Jesus fulfilled when He offered Himself to God. He poured Himself out to death. Isaiah prophesied, 'As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be satisfied; by His *knowledge* the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, as He will bear their iniquities'. Clearly, the knowledge of Christ concerns offering. Paul told the Ephesians that we could all attain to 'the knowledge of the Son of God'.

References:

Col 2:1-2

Col 1:9

Psa 25:14

2Co 2:14

Isa 53:11

Eph 4:13

Further Study

Eph 3

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Proverbs 13

True shepherds

Through the prophet Jeremiah, the Lord said, 'Then I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will feed you on knowledge and understanding'. We can recognise a true shepherd by the food they provide. They are not motivational speakers who try to inspire people to live better or more fulfilling lives. And they do not always tell us what we want to hear. True shepherds feed us on knowledge and understanding; the food that He has appointed for us. They lead us in and out to find pasture. We can comprehend the word that they bring because 'the tongue of the wise makes knowledge acceptable'.

A true shepherd is 'the faithful and sensible slave whom his master put in charge of his household to give them their food at the proper time'. Jesus said, 'Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes'. But in order to be sustained, we will need to receive the shepherd's instruction. The wise man said, 'Apply your heart to discipline and your ears to words of knowledge'. Malachi declared, 'The lips of the priest should preserve knowledge, and men should seek instruction from his mouth; for he is the messenger of the Lord'. And in the book of Proverbs, we read, 'The mind of the prudent acquires knowledge, and the ears of the wise seek knowledge'.

As a father in the faith, Paul directed the younger apostle, Timothy, to study the Scriptures. He said, 'Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth'. We know Paul devoted himself completely to the word, to the knowledge of the covenant in the Scriptures. He testified to the depths of the wisdom and knowledge of God. The apostle was now commending this same diligence to Timothy.

References:

Jer 3:15
Pro 23:12
Pro 18:15
Act 18:5

Pro 15:2
Mal 2:7
2Ti 2:15

Further Study

Mat 24

Daily Proverb

Proverbs 16

Against the knowledge of God

There are many Christians who know the Lord Jesus Christ, but they have no knowledge of God as Yahweh-Elohim. While the name 'Yahweh' reveals the Lord our God as One, the name 'Yahweh-Elohim' reveals the Father, Son and Holy Spirit making covenant together. And regrettably, many believers do not yet understand God's Covenant; the dialogue between the three Members of the Godhead concerning the Father's desire for many sons. Called 'My Covenant' in the Old Testament, the substance of this discussion became the Everlasting Covenant with us when God swore an oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Throughout the ages, God has revealed His Covenant of sonship to His people. But today, believers are taught to oppose the word of present truth that true shepherds are bringing to His church. Jesus said that there would be consequences for shepherds who fail to feed their flocks. They will be assigned a place with the hypocrites, where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth.

This is not just a contemporary problem. Long ago, the prophet Hosea spoke to the northern house of Israel, saying, 'Listen to the word of the Lord, O sons of Israel, for the Lord has a case against the inhabitants of the land, because there is no faithfulness or kindness or *knowledge of God* in the land'. His people had departed from the knowledge of the covenant, from a culture of offering. The Lord desired *the knowledge of God* more than burnt offerings'. But like Adam, they had transgressed the covenant and dealt treacherously. Regarding Ephraim, Hosea declared, 'Though I wrote for him ten thousand precepts of My law, they are regarded as a strange thing'. As an apostolic messenger, Paul encountered the same problem as Hosea, but he was not dissuaded. He wrote, 'We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God'.

References:

Heb 2:10 Lev 26:42
Mat 4:50-51 Hos 4:1
Hos 6:6-7 Hos 8:12
2Co 10:5

Further Study

Gen 17

Daily Proverb

Proverbs 17

Wisdom preserves the lives of its possessors

In the book of Ecclesiastes, we find that ‘wisdom is protection just as money is protection, but the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom preserves the lives of its possessors’. We are advantaged when we conduct ourselves wisely. However, our lives are preserved when we apply our minds to the knowledge of Yahweh. It is essential to note that illumination comes to us as understanding. But understanding becomes the knowledge of the Holy One when we accept the discipline of the Lord. For every word of God is tested. The book of Proverbs says, ‘Strike a scoffer and the naive may become shrewd, but reprove one who has understanding and he will gain knowledge’. The one who has understanding will pursue knowledge to find out the reason for the rebuke. They will not react, despise or reject discipline. We read in the book of Proverbs, ‘Reprove a wise man and he will love you; reprove a fool and he will hate you’. And again we read, ‘When a wise man has contention with a fool, the fool either rages or laughs’.

Paul spoke about the wisdom of God in his letter to the Corinthians. He proclaimed, ‘We speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him".’ But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit.

References:

Pro 30:5 1Co 2:7-10
Psa 105:19 Pro 19:25
Pro 9:8 Pro 29:9

Further Study

Ecc 7

Daily Proverb

Proverbs 18

Wisdom of the scorner

In the book of Psalms, we read, 'Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scorners'. Our Bibles might say, 'the seat of scoffers' or 'the seat of the scornful'; but the literal translation is 'scorners'. King David was not referring to those who mock or deride others. He was making reference to academic scholarship. For example, in the middle ages, all universities originated from the church. The most educated person within those institutions sat in the 'seat of the scorner'. Today, the senior academic occupies the 'university chair' which is also called 'the seat'. Historically, the man in this position would scorn any knowledge that was inferior to his own.

King David said, 'Blessed is the man who does not sit in the seat of the scorner'. We cannot preach the gospel from a scholastic position, for the wisdom of the scorner is the wisdom of the world. It is the province of the man or woman of education. James called it 'the wisdom from beneath'; 'earthly, natural, demonic'. In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul wrote, 'For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will set aside. Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?"' Continuing his discourse on worldly wisdom, the apostle said, 'If any man among you thinks that he is wise in this age, he must become foolish, so that he may become wise'. And again, 'The Lord knows the reasonings of the wise, that they are useless'. Paul said that all the treasures of God's wisdom and knowledge are hidden in Christ.

References:

Psa 1:1 Jas 3:15
1Co 1:19-20 1Co 3:19-20
Col 2:3 Pro 9:12

Further Study

Mal 3

Daily Proverb

Proverbs 19

The scorner seeks for understanding

Knowledge, understanding and wisdom are often viewed in the following way. People generally believe that knowledge is acquired through a process of education; then wisdom is gained when we understand and practice what is taught. It is knowledge in action. However, when we try to study the word of God this way, we find ourselves sitting in the scorner's seat because our wisdom, knowledge and understanding are based on our own capacity. This is not what the Bible teaches about these three things. The book of Proverbs says, 'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding'. And we are familiar with the verse, 'A scorner seeks wisdom and finds none. But knowledge is easy to one who has understanding. Leave the presence of a fool, or you will not discern words of knowledge.'

As faith does not come through intellectual debate, we are instructed not to engage a scorner in argument. Nor should we reprove a scorner because he will hate the one who corrects him. He will not listen to rebuke. The scorner is proud and haughty; he acts with insolent pride. On the other hand, a wise man loves the one who reproves him. We read in the book of Proverbs, 'Give instruction to a wise man and he will be still wiser. Teach a righteous man and he will increase his learning.' We do not receive the wisdom of God through careful application of the knowledge we have gained through our own efforts. The spirit of wisdom is poured out upon us. We receive it by revelation and illumination. Paul prayed that a spirit of wisdom and of revelation would be granted to the Ephesians so that the eyes of their hearts might be enlightened.

References:

Pro 9:8, 10
Pro 13:1
Pro 1:23

Pro 14:6-7
Pro 21:24
Eph 1:17-18

Further Study

Tit 3

Daily Proverb

Proverbs 20

His word descends like the dew

The word of God does not come to us through intellectual argument or debate. It is not a cognitive exercise. We cannot be the source of our own wisdom. But as the wise man said, knowledge is easy to one who has understanding. When Moses instructed the nation of Israel, he said, 'Let my teaching drop as the rain, my speech distil as the dew, as the droplets on the fresh grass and as the showers on the herb'. For I proclaim the name of the Lord.' We know dew falls at night, when there is no wind or rain and everything is still.

In his letter to the Corinthians, the apostle Paul wrote, 'When I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling, and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.' Paul said that the kingdom of God consisted of power, not words. And he had learnt that power is perfected in weakness.

The Lord spoke to Moses about 'living bread' coming daily. 'Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether or not they will walk in My instruction.' When we gain the knowledge of the Lord and His Covenant then it is like a pavement of sapphire, as clear as the sky itself.

References:

Pro 14:6-7 Deu 32:2-3
1Co 2:2-5 1Co 4:20
2Co 12:9 Exo 16:4
Exo 24:10

Further Study

Isa 55

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Proverbs 23

Understanding our way

We have heard that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. But who is the Holy Holy (One) of God? It is the Lord Jesus Christ, of course. Even the demons knew this. The Gospel of Luke accounts that a demon-possessed man called Legion shouted out, 'What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God?' In the Old Testament writings, He is called 'the Lord of Hosts'.

In the book of Proverbs, we read that 'the wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way, but the folly of fools is deceit'. We need the spirit of wisdom and revelation to be poured out upon us so we can understand our way. Jesus said, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.' He is our way, our present truth and our life! In his distress, Job cried out, 'He knows the way that I take; when He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold. My foot has held fast to His steps; I have kept His way and not turned aside. I have not departed from the commandment of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.' Job confessed, 'For He performs what is appointed for me'. The psalmist asked, 'Who is the man who fears the Lord? He will instruct him in the way he should choose.' Our future is assured because the Lord promises to instruct and teach us in the way we should go. Jesus said, 'Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart. You will find rest for your souls.'

References:

Pro 9:10 Luk 8:28
 Psa 24:10 Pro 14:8
 Joh 14:6 Psa 25:12
 Mat 11:29
 Job 23:10-12, 14

Further Study

Psa 119:33-48

Daily Proverb

Proverbs 24

Wisdom has built her house

We learn from Christ when we are at rest. But wherever there is conflict and disputes about words, there is going to be every evil work; envy, strife, abusive language, and evil suspicions. The word of God does not come to us in that way. We come to Christ the Holy One. He is meek and lowly. We take His yoke and we learn from Him.

The psalmist reminds us that the Lord said, 'I will counsel you with My eye upon you. However, do not be as the horse or as the mule which have no understanding, whose trappings include bit and bridle to hold them in check.' The fear of the Lord is our yoke and it is the beginning of wisdom. And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. If we will discern the fear of the Lord and we do not reject His discipline, we will discover the knowledge of God. As we receive His words through the messengers of the covenant and treasure His commandments within our hearts, knowledge will be easy for us.

Then, as the wise man said, 'Your days will be multiplied, and years of life will be added to you'. We will fill out our years and come to a full inheritance according to all that is written about us within the covenant. If we will give attention and apply ourselves to the knowledge of present truth, we can be assured that wisdom is building her house with a foundation of seven pillars. These pillars are the sevenfold Spirit of God; 'the Spirit of the Lord, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

References:

1 Ti 6:3-5 Psa 32:9
Pro 2:1-5 Isa 11:2
Pro 9:1, 10-11

Further Study

1Co 3

Daily Proverb

Proverbs 25

A threefold chord

The wise man said that the Lord gives wisdom. From His mouth comes knowledge and understanding. Wisdom, knowledge and understanding form a threefold chord which cannot be broken. They will be our shield, preserving our way and protecting us from those who have left the paths of uprightness to walk in darkness. But firstly, we must cry for discernment and lift our voice to ask the Lord for illumination and understanding. We must incline our ear, hear the words of the wise and apply our minds to knowledge. This literally means, we must *place* or position our minds for knowledge.

From a worldly perspective, we generally consider that we accumulate knowledge first, and then if we understand how to apply this knowledge in various situations, we have wisdom. This is not how it works in the kingdom of God. We firstly receive understanding by illumination, and then we apply our minds to knowledge. This is not the knowledge of information or the knowledge of good and evil. It is the knowledge of our name and works as a son of God, which become clear to us as we make offering. The wisdom and power of God is fully revealed by offering. Jesus Christ is 'the power of God and the wisdom of God'.

The apostle Paul declared, 'O the depth of the riches and of the wisdom and the knowledge of God!' He wants to reveal the treasure of His wisdom and knowledge to us. The secret of our name and work is revealed to us in the fellowship of the body of Christ as we present our bodies as a living sacrifice. The psalmist proclaimed, 'The secret of the Lord is for those who fear Him, and He will make them know His Covenant.' The knowledge of our name and work is revealed to us in the secret place of the body of Christ.

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Further Study

Eph 4

Daily Proverb

Proverbs 26

As the waters cover the sea

The wise man said that knowledge is easy for the one who has understanding. For example, there are two verses of the prophetic Scriptures that sound very similar, but their meaning is quite different. Firstly, we read in the book of Habakkuk, 'The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea'. This verse is relevant to the time of the end when the whole world will look upon Him whom they have pierced and will mourn for Him as a Firstborn Son. Like the waters covering the sea, Jesus Christ will be known by all. The knowledge of the glory of the Lord will spread across all nations.

There is a similar verse in the book of Isaiah that says, 'The earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea'. We note that the word 'glory' is omitted. This verse uses an entirely different Hebrew word for 'knowledge', which implies there will be a great multitude who will 'know what Yahweh knows'. They will have the words of the covenant written in their hearts and minds.

This great multitude will see the Lamb with seven horns and seven eyes standing in the midst of the throne. The seven eyes are the seven Spirits of God which have been sent out into all the earth, while the seven horns represent the fullness of His wisdom and power. King David said that the Lord was the horn of his salvation and his stronghold. Luke announced that God had 'raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of David His servant'. Those who have the 'knowledge of the Lord' and love His Covenant, will be among the great multitude of believers singing, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might'.

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Further Study

Jer 31

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Proverbs 27