

KNOWING GOD AND SERVING GOD

PART 3

(DO YOU REALIZE WHO GOD IS?)

INTRODUCTION: (1) No doubt the teaching about God emphasizing His love, forgiveness, and intimate presence with His people is the truth.

(2) These truths are important to hear in our modern society, where many people do feel lonely, guilty, insignificant, and isolated.

(3) Have Christians become overly familiar with God, thinking of Him not just as the friend of sinners, but as their personal buddy.

TRANSITION: HAS THERE BEEN A LOSS OF RESPECT OF GOD'S AUTHORITY AND HOLINESS?

(4) The ancient Israelites repeatedly treated God with disrespect during their wilderness journey.

(5) The Israelites soon forgot the power of God that punished the pagan Egyptians for oppressing them, was also ready to punish their own disobedience and rebellion.

TRANSITION: IT IS TIME FOR CHRISTIANS TO AGAIN TO KNOW GOD AND RESTORE THAT HIGH VIEW OF WHO HE IS AND KNOW OUR NONSENSE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED FOREVER.

(SCRIPTURE TEXT: PSALM 78:40-42)

I. THE LORD WILL EXECUTE JUSTICE TO THOSE WHO EXALT THEMSELVES. (Psalms 75:2-10)

A. "When I choose the proper time," says the Lord He will "put down one and exalt another."

B. God will pour out His wrath.

II. GOD IS AWESOME AND BETTER BE FEARED (Psalms 76:4-12)

A. "At your rebuke, O God of Jacob, both the chariot and horse were cast into a dead sleep."

B. God has victory over His enemies.

III. GOD IS WORTHY OF OUR REFLECTION AS WE CONSIDER HIS MIGHTY ACTS (Psalm 77:11-20)

A. "I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High."

B. "I will also meditate on all Your work and talk of Your deeds."

IV. GOD WILL JUDGE THOSE WHO DO NOT SERVE HIM (Psalm 78:32-55)

A. May we know this truth about God, (vengeance is the Lord's.)

V. GOD IS LIKE NO OTHER, WE WILL RESPECT HIS NAME (PSALM 86:8-11)

CONCLUSION: SERVE GOD WITH REVERANCE AND HOLY FEAR

(HEBREWS 12:28-29) 1. BELIEVE IN HIM THROUGH JESUS. 2. LIVE IN HIS POWER WITH YOUR RESPECT AND HUMBLeness. 3. LET GOD BLESS US.