



KNOWLEDGE – PART III

We have emphasized in our previous series on knowledge that we now operate in a knowledge-based world. This is expected to continue in the foreseeable future. Cutting edge technology derived from knowledge of science or how things work continues to make the difference between companies that declare huge profits and those that are struggling. So it is in life.

For a Christian, having knowledge of God and the Word is critical to living a victorious life in every area of life. It is your knowledge of God, His word, ways and capabilities that will reinforce your faith in Him and thus please Him. It is your knowledge of who you are in Christ that will deliver that much sought after success to you. He says in **Hosea 4:6** “**my people are destroyed for lack of knowledge**”.

Let us look at just three instances where knowledge delivered victory to those involved.

Mathew 4:1-11 clearly demonstrated the importance of knowledge and having it in our finger tips. The devil our arch enemy, was no doubt knowledgeable as in **Matt. 4:6**, he even quoted the scriptures to our Lord and Saviour. Jesus Christ defeated him on each occasion he was tempted by quoting the scriptures three times **Matt. 4:4,7,10**. Hannah understood the scriptures as admonished in **1 Thess. 5: 17 that says “Pray without ceasing”** and she was persistent in prayer until God answered her. The leper in **Matt8:1-3** understood the importance of worship in getting healing and prayers answered by God.

When you have knowledge, you will have understanding of the times. You will have understanding of the situation that you are going through. In **2 Samuel 21: 1**, David had knowledge that the God that we serve is a good God. So in a period of severe famine for three years, he enquired of the Lord the reason of the famine. God revealed it and when atonement was done – famine was gone pronto!

Even when you have no understanding of the times, you still need to have knowledge in approaching God about the situation. God still gave you a blank cheque in so many ways. Isn't this wonderful? He says in **Ex. 20:5**, I am jealous God that visits the “**iniquity of fathers upon generation even unto the third and fourth generations that hate me**”. He says in **1 John 1:9** if you confess your sins and forsake them, He will wipe away all your sins. Yet again in **Rom.9:15**, He says, “**I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy**”. And yet again, He says to as many as received His only Son, Jesus Christ, as his/her personal Saviour, to them has he given the power to be called the sons/daughters of God and joint heirs to His throne. He says in **Heb 8:12** “**I will**

be merciful to their unrighteousness and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more” In short you have knowledge but does not understand the times, cry to Him today to have mercy and He will have mercy. Ask Him to be merciful to your unrighteousness and not to remember your sins and iniquities any more

Jesus Christ says, **John 15:7 “If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what you will, and it shall be done unto you”** The Lord says at the mention of the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow. **Rev. 12:11** says we overcame by the blood of the lamb.

It is imperative that you understand the need for knowledge very well. It is knowledge of God that will make you to be a success in every area of life. Ask God to help you increase in His knowledge from today and to help you put His knowledge in practice. You will surely see the difference in Jesus name.

- **NB. If you have been blessed by our Word for the Week or inspired in any way by them, please let us know by sending an email to The Pastor at pastor@rccglfc.org**



“Forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and shewing of hard sentences, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar: now let Daniel be called, and he will shew the interpretation” – Dan. 5: 12 (NKJ)