Sermon Notes – 06.14.2026 - Knowing God

Describe God: Notice that the description breaks down into two parts:

What is God and Who is God

The "What" of God is Beyond our Comprehension – It Stagers Our Mind

But God Calls Our Attention, Again and Again, to the "Who" is God – He Calls Us to Himself.

The LORD's Call to Us From the Beginning is Love.

Deuteronomy 6:3-5 "O Israel, **you should listen and be careful to do *it*, that it may be well with you** and that you may multiply greatly, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, *in* a land flowing with milk and honey. 4 "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! 5 **"You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.**

Moses was teaching the people the Two Ways to Respond to LORD's Commandments:

- **Listen and Do What the LORD Commands**
- **Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.**
    - Love the LORD With all of your Courage
    - Love the LORD With All of Your Life
    - Love the LORD With All of Your Vehement Strength

Love – Affection, Friendship, Family Love

From the Beginning, the LORD was Calling us to Know Him, Love Him and Obey Him

Moses Asked God "Show Me Your Glory." He Responded by Proclaiming His Name and His Goodness:

Exodus 33:18-19 **Then Moses said, "I pray You, show me Your glory!"** 19 And He said, "**I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the LORD before you**; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion."

Exodus 34:6-8 Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, **"The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; 7 who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave *the guilty* unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations**." 8 Moses made haste to bow low toward the earth and worship."

The Lord Revealed Himself to The Prophet Jeremiah in Similar Words

Jeremiah 9:23-24 Thus says the LORD, "Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; 24 but let **him who boasts boast of this,**

that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things," declares the LORD.

The Evidence that We Know God is that We Imitate Him – We Live to Bear Witness to God

Jeremiah 22:16 "**He pled the cause of the afflicted and needy; Then it was well. Is not that what it means to know Me?"** Declares the LORD.

- **"to know me"** —to show by *deeds* that one knows God's will, as was the case with Josiah
- **John 13:17** "If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

Ephesians 5:1 Therefore **be imitators of God, as beloved children**; 2 and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

Ephesians 4:20-24 "But **you did not learn Christ in this way, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus,** 22 that, in reference to your former manner of life, you **lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted** in accordance with the lusts of deceit, 23 and that you **be renewed in the spirit of your mind**, 24 and **put on the new self, which in *the likeness of* God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth."**

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John 17:3 "**This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent**.

Might know thee - The word "know" here, as in other places, expresses more than a mere speculative acquaintance with the character and perfections of God. "It includes all the impressions on the mind and life which a just view of God and of the Saviour is fitted to produce."

Jesus Told Us, the Second Commandment to Love Your Neighbor as Yourself Was Like Loving God

Matthew 22:36-40 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" 37 And He said to him, "**'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' 38 "This is the great and foremost commandment. 39 "The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'** 40 "On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

Then Jesus Took it A Step Further and Said in Essence, Love One Another the Way God Has Loved You

John 13:34-35 "**A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another**. 35 "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."