

THE GREAT NEWS

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לא תוקרבוּן אֶת־
 מִכָּל־אִשָּׁה בְּמִיִּם כָּל־אִשָּׁה
 וְקִשְׁקִשְׁתִּים תֹּאכְלוּ וְתִּזְכְּלוּ
 מִכָּל־דְּבַר־אֱלֹהִים כֹּל־דְּלֹהֵי עַלְמֵי
 תִּזְכְּלוּ וְכָל־אִשָּׁה אִיִּזְלָה לָא
 וְקִשְׁקִשְׁתִּים לֹא תֹאכְלוּ וְלֹא
 לְכַסֵּי וְכָל־דְּלֹהֵי לֹהֵי עִינֵי
 לֹא תִזְכְּלוּ מִסְּאֵב הַיָּמִין
 אֲחֹרֶי כֹהֲלֵי חַמְטֵי לֵי

יִזְן דְּעִוְזֵי אֱלֹהִים וְיִצְבִּי ..
 קֹדֶשׁ וְיִשְׁרָף וְתִאֵר וְזָכַר
 אֵל וְיִהְיֶה אֱלֹהִים וְיִעֲלֶה ..
 וְיִכְלֹה וְיִדְעֶה כָּל־בְּהֵמָה
 שִׁסְעָתָה שְׁסִיעֵי שְׁתֵּי פְרִסוֹת
 בְּבִהְיָ אֶת־הָאֱלֹהִים תֹּאכְלוּ כָּל־
 דְּרִיקָא פְרִיסָתָה וְנִטּוּלָהּ
 תִּיִזְן פְרִיסָתָה מִסְּקָא
 בְּעִוְזָה אֶת־הָאֱלֹהִים תִּזְכְּלוּ

HOW TO KNOW GOD

We live in a world where many people are claiming to be the professors of truth, to have insights into spiritual things, and to know God. But how does someone come to know God? Many people speak for Him, but they often speak words that are only their own. They appeal to their own views and assumptions of human experience. In response, I suggest that the first response in knowing God is in the heartfelt desire. Job fittingly states in Chapter 21, “Wherefore do the wicked live, become old, yea, and are mighty in power? Their seed is established in their sight with them, and their offspring before their eyes. Their houses are safe from fear, neither is the rod of God upon them. Their bull gendereth, and faileth not; their cow calveth, and casteth not her calf. They send forth

their little ones like a flock, and their children dance. They take the timbrel and harp, and rejoice at the sound of the organ. They spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave. Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways. What is the Almighty, that we should serve him? And what profit should we have, if we pray unto him?” Obviously, the children of this world, God bless ‘em, have no interest in Him, have no desire to know Him – and so they won’t. But when there is a desire to know him, there appears to also come a necessity to know Him in Spirit and Truth. Many people know God sheerly through the religious instructions they have received. Others know Him by the witness of the cosmos, the logic of their minds,

acquiescing to His existence. But is this knowing Him? Jesus said to the Samaritan woman at the well in John 4, “But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.” It seems that to genuinely know God, we have to know His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, who was God with us, manifesting His invisible Father to the world. God’s Son plainly said in John 14, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” So, the question remains: where do we find information on His Son? Can we climb to a mountain-top and meditate to receive it? Perhaps there is some form of spiritual knowledge that might

come forward to us that way... Can we pray? That would help too, I’m sure, especially in getting our hearts in line with Him... But one inescapable fact stands true: our source of information on who God is, and who His Son is, is found in the Bible. Plain and simple. While the Bible is not what we worship, nor is there any value in the ink and paper, but when we access that living and powerful information by the Spirit, human beings become truly informed on who He is and what He desires. One of my favorite passages from scripture is Hebrews 11:6 which says, “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.” Reread that passage. Think about it. Love you. Shawn