



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: John 14:7-11 (NAS)

"Knowing God"

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- 7 "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him."
8 Philip *said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us."
9 Jesus *said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"
10 "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works.
11 "Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves.

I. OUR STRUGGLE TO KNOW GOD

- A. Philip Asked To See The Father
- B. Today We Can Not See God (Visually)
- C. Old Testament Individuals Who Desired To See God
 - 1. Moses *Exodus 33:18, 21-23*
 - 2. Elijah *I Kings 19:9-13*

II. HOW DO WE SEE GOD?

- A. By Seeing Jesus
- B. In What Sense Do We See Jesus?
 - 1. Visual sight *John 20:5*
 - 2. Speculating, wondering, theorizing *John 20:6*
 - 3. **With comprehension** *John 20:8*
- C. Jesus, The Fullest Representation Of The Father *John 1:14, 18; Hebrews 1:3*

III. OUR KNOWLEDGE OF GOD DIRECTS OUR LIVES

- A. God's Mercy And Faithfulness Give Us Stability *Psalms 18:2*
- B. What About The Sins That Separate Me From God? *Luke 5:32*
- C. Does God Have The Power To Address My Problems? *Romans 8:28*

APPLICATION:

- 1. It Is Not Our Sensory Experiences Which Should Drive Our Knowledge Of God
- 2. It Is Knowing God Through Knowing Jesus
- 3. It Is The Word Of God Which Gives Us A True Knowledge Of God