

Knowing the Father

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Luke 10:21-22

At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure.

[22] "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."

Thoughts:

1-The Father reveals things to the simple (children), not necessarily the "qualified" (wise and learned). (v. 21)

Who are the people God chooses to use? The rich and powerful? Sometimes... but rarely. Does He choose the most educated and equipped? At times yes. ex.)Jonathan Edwards, a very educated man, was a powerful force in the Great Awakening. He began studying at Yale at the age of 13. Graduated the top of his class and went on to do two years of theological study at New Haven. He later tutored at Yale. (Browning, 1) He was very trained, and God used Him as one of the leaders during the Great Awakening, I am not discounting education. But again it is not education or smarts that qualifies you, it is God's choosing you.

1 Cor. 1:27

But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

It seems that God leans toward the weak and foolish among mankind. He chooses the weak things to shame the strong and the

foolish things to shame the wise. Why do you think He does this? In this He gains all *Glory!!!* No one dares to take the credit.

This is just one reason I am convinced that God has chosen this generation. Many would look at us and say, "They're not very smart. They don't have much experience, and what's that clothes they're wearing???" They'll never amount to anything." **BUT the Father** sees differently. Just as He looked upon Gideon, the least in his family, and the least among his people, and the Father called him a "mighty man of valor". God sees this generation as mighty. He sees the potential in us. The Father knows who we can be if only we commit fully to Him.

Psalm 24:6

Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek your face, O God of Jacob. Selah

It doesn't take a genius to know the Father. You don't have to be a trained seminary graduate and Bible scholar to know Him either. (I'm not saying seminary and Bible training are bad, they are wonderful.) But a child can know Him too. And so can an average Joe. The Father makes it easy enough for anyone to come to Him. It is His desire that all know Him.

Transition: But there is only one way to know Him.

2-No one can know the Father except through the SON.(v.22)

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

We see very clearly throughout the scriptures that there is one, and only one, way to come to God. There is only one way to know the Father. It is through Jesus Christ, His Son. We can only have a relationship with the Father because Christ paid the debt of sin for us. Otherwise we would never be able to come before Him. He is Holy and no sin can stand in His presence. Because of Christ we can come close to the Father. We can draw near to Him because He desired relationship with us, and made it possible, through Christ, for us to come. God the Father initiated the

relationship with us. He took the first step toward intimacy with us. When Christ opened His arms wide on the cross, God the Father was stretching His arms wide open to embrace us. Now it is our move. We must in turn accept His invitation and embrace Christ; that we might come to know the Father.

3-Ultimately God the Father is Everything. (1 Cor. 15:28)

The Father has given Christ full authority for a time. Jesus said, "all things have been committed to me" (vs. 22) The letter to the Philippians is clear that every knee will bow to Jesus Christ and admit that He is Lord.

Philip. 2:9-11

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
[10] that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
[11] and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

1 Cor. 15:22-28

*For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. [23] But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. [24] Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. [25] For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. [26] The last enemy to be destroyed is death. [27] For he "has put everything under his feet." Now when it says that "everything" has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. [28] When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that **God may be all in all.***

The bottom line is that God gave Christ Jesus all authority and that in the end of time, everything will be subject to the Father. Christ Jesus Himself will be subject to the Father so that Father

God may be "all in all." He is everything. He's the real God-FATHER!!!

God is truly all in all. He put the stars in space. He knows the number of hairs on each of our heads. He created us in our mother's womb. He is all powerful and all-knowing, yet He desires a relationship with each of us. The Father wants to be our closest friend. He wants our time and affection and He deserves everything we are. Who are we to be to busy for Him?

Prayer:

Father, I accept your invitation to know you. I receive Christ as my Lord and the payment for my sin. I ask you to draw me close to yourself. Let me know you Father, as Christ knows you. Let me be called a child of God. Father let my love for you grow deeper every day. As I read your Word and pray, let me learn of You. Let me be close to you Father. Father let me know you. In the name of Christ Jesus, Amen.

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