

## TO KNOW GOD



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

"So that you may **know** and believe Me (God), and understand that I am He." - **Isaiah 43:10**

"Teach me your ways, so that I may **know** you and continue to find favor with you." - **Exodus 33:13**

## OLD TESTAMENT

The Hebrew word "yada" is used in the Old Testament and is translated in English as the word "Know" or "Knowledge". The Hebrew word yada has a much wider sweep and meaning than the English word know. The Biblical Old Testament word for **Knowing God** means the following; **TO KNOW GOD** means:

- to **Perceive**
- to **Understand**
- to **Believe**
- to **Conform**
- to **Perform or Live**
- to **See or Experience**
- to **Learn**
- to **Recognize**
- to **Accept His Claims**
- to **Be Willing**
- to **Obey**

These words that all come out of the Hebrew word "yada" all hold important keys to **getting to know God** the way that He wants us to **know Him**. The opposite of **knowing God** is not ignorance or a lack of knowledge, but is Rebellion.

## NEW TESTAMENT

The Greek words "oida" and "ginosko" are used in the New Testament. They have the wider meanings as the Hebrew word "yada", but in the context that they are used in the New Testament, they also have the following additional meaning: to **KNOW GOD** means:

- to **Believe & Accept Jesus**
- to **Know Jesus is to Know God**
- to **Know Truth**
- to **Respond in Faith**

**"O, the fullness, the pleasure, the sheer excitement of knowing God on earth."**  
- **Jim Elliott**

**GOD WANTS US TO KNOW HIM IN PERSONAL AND REAL WAYS, FROM  
HAVING SEEN AND EXPERIENCED HIM IN & AROUND OUR LIVES**