

## WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

God's Word is the source of knowledge; it should define what we know. And we should live by what we know.

### KEY POINTS

- ❖ In the Bible, Job had a very unique and dramatic experience of life. He had acquired everything, it seemed, that a person could enjoy. Then everything was shaken, destroyed, put to death and taken away.
- ❖ As the calamity of the situation settled in on him, everything Job *thought* he knew seemed to be in question. But there were a few things Job still felt he knew. (And the same was true of his "friends".)
- ❖ Then, in Job 38, God begins to ask Job some questions (see vv 1-30):

<sup>1</sup>Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said: <sup>2</sup>"Who is this who darkens counsel By words *without knowledge*? <sup>3</sup>Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me. (*Italics added.*)

- ❖ In Chapter 40 we pick up the conversation again... Moreover the LORD answered Job, and said: <sup>2</sup>"Shall the one who contends with the Almighty correct Him? He who rebukes God, let him answer it." <sup>3</sup>Then Job answered the LORD and said: <sup>4</sup>"Behold, I am vile; What shall I answer You? I lay my hand over my mouth. <sup>5</sup>Once I have spoken, but I will not answer; Yes, twice, but I will proceed no further."

- ❖ And over into Chapter 42... Then Job answered the LORD and said: <sup>2</sup>"I know that You can do everything, And that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You. <sup>3</sup>You asked, 'Who is this who hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, Things too wonderful for me, which I did not know... <sup>6</sup>Therefore I abhor myself, And repent in dust and ashes."

- ❖ It is probably true that a lot of the stuff in our brains are things we think are true, but in fact are not. Even when we have methods or ways that we think are perfect, the Bible says, "There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death" (Proverbs 16:25).

- ❖ 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10 tells us that in these last days there will be lying wonders that people will believe to be true. Verse 15 goes on to say, "Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle."

- ❖ There will be a time (and we are in it) when we will have to wrap our arms and legs around truth

### KEY SCRIPTURES:

Job 19:25-26, 38:1-30, 40:1-4, 42:1-3, 6

- and hold on for dear life, as sensible, logical, socially acceptable winds of deception blow us into a state of mind that is *not* from God.
- ❖ Ephesians 6:12 says we wrestle with "principalities, powers and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God." So we need, by the Spirit of God, to "bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ" (2 Corinthians 10).
- ❖ What we know – or think we know – must be governed by the Word of God. We need, as a rock-solid foundation, as a never-moving, mental, emotional, intellectual, philosophical and spiritual foundation, this one surety: "Thy Word is Truth". Jesus prayed over His disciples in John 17:17, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."
- ❖ Psalm 119:89 nails it down: "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven."
- ❖ Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matthew 24:35).
- ❖ It is impossible for God to lie. God saying something brings it into reality. He calls "those things that are not as though they are" (Romans 4:17) and now *they are*. He spoke a universe into existence. And He spoke your condemnation out of existence.
- ❖ So you can truly say, "*I know* 'There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk, not after the flesh but after the Spirit'" (Rom. 8:1).
- ❖ Today we have looked into the word of God. So now we know a lot. We are responsible for what we know. We need to un-know some things that don't add up with God's Word. And then we need to *live by what we know!*

### DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

- a) Begin a topical search in your Bibles and share things God/the Bible says we *know/need* to know/*will* know (e.g., Psalm 39:4; 46:10; Isaiah 40: 28-29; Hosea 6:3; John 8:32; Luke 9:55, etc.). b) Discuss what each verse teaches us about *truly knowing*.

### PRAYER TIME

Lord, thank You for reminding us that real truth is knowable and it is found in Your Word. Amen.

## WEEK OF SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

### NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week's message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

✓ (Reminds me/Confirms) 💡 (New idea) ☁️ (Think about)

! (Do this) ❤️ (Speaks to my heart) ↺ (Must share)

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### PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

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Go deeper with your Life Group family.  
CONNECT-REFLECT-DISSECT THE WORD  
Your Life Group ~ Your Lifeline

Start-up: What are some myths you believed as a child, and how long did it take you to learn "the facts of the matter"?