

To Understand and to Know

Understanding is the reward of one's action. Therefore seek not to understand fully before implementing into action, but act in response to what is being taught that thou may understand fully. Strange how much you've got to know before you know how little you know.

Jerm 9:23~26 Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in **his wisdom**, neither let the mighty man glory in **his might**, let not the rich man glory in **his riches**: But let him that glorieth glory in this, **that he understandeth and knoweth me**, that I am the LORD which exercise **loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness**, in the earth: **for in these things I delight**, saith the LORD. Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will punish all them which are circumcised (*Jew*) with the uncircumcised (*Gentile*); Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the children of Ammon, and Moab, and all that are in the utmost corners, that dwell in the wilderness: for all these nations are uncircumcised (*unfaithful*), and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised (*unfaithful*) in the heart.

*What are the requirements of worship? Jeremiah gives us an answer that probably does not match the list we would normally compose. Our idea of worship today actually seems to exclude the elements that Yah says "He delights in: **loving kindness, judgment and righteousness.**"*

Loving kindness #02617. *dox checed, from 2616: kindness, piety: (by opposition) reproof, beauty: favor, good deeds, kindly, loving, merciful, mercy, pity, reproach.*

Judgment #04941. *Mishpat, from 8199: a verdict (favorable or unfavorable) pronounced judicially, especially a sentence or formal decree (human or (participant's) divine law, individual or collective), including the act, the place, the suit, the crime, and the penalty; justice, including a participant's right or privilege (statutory or customary), or even a style to be judged, manner of law, measure, (due) order, right, sentence.*

Righteousness #06666. *tsed-aw-kaw'; from 6663: rightness (abstractly), subjectively (rectitude), objectively (justice), morally (virtue) or figuratively (prosperity): justice, moderately, a right - act.*

*The prophet Jeremiah instructs that being wise is not glorying in one's **own wisdom**, neither in one's **own might**, nor in one's **own riches**. Instead, let him that is credited glory **that he understands and knows the LORD**. To know the Lord is to recognize what He delights in which includes "**exercising**" **loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness**. In any relationship, when one takes the effort to learn about the focus and desires composing the character of the other person, one can then nurture those desires allowing the relationship to positively grow. Only when we are in harmony with their focus, is a bond able to form, otherwise you remain just acquaintances.*

Amos 3:1~8 Hear this word that the LORD hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying, You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities. **Can two walk together, except they be agreed?** Will a lion roar in the forest, when he hath no prey? Will a young lion cry out of his den, if he have taken nothing? Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth, where no gin is for him? Shall one take up a snare from the earth, and have taken nothing at all? Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? Shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it? Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. The lion hath roared, who will not fear? The Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy?

*We are instructed not to glory in one's **own wisdom, might, or riches**, but instead to glory in "**understanding and knowing**" Yah, the Lord; this glory is of true wisdom.*

To **Understand** #07919 saw-kal'; means intelligent: consider, to make wise, guide, to grasp the meaning of, to accept as a fact or truth or regard as plausible without utter certainty. Having the power of comprehension, to achieve a grasp of the nature, significance, or explanation of something, to believe or infer something to be the case...I understand. Understanding means to have a clear or complete idea of, stressing the fact of having attained a firm mental grasp of something, as in a request that was fully understood and promptly obeyed.

To **Know** #03045 yaw-dah'; means to ascertain by seeing, including observation, recognition; acknowledge, assuredly, be aware, certainly, comprehend, declare, be diligent. Having direct identity of, to recognize as being the same as something previously known, to be acquainted or familiar with, to have experience of, to be aware of the truth or factuality of, to be convinced or certain of, to have intimate relation with.

The man credited with wisdom in which to glory in is he that **“understands,”** meaning has a clear and complete thought of, having a firm mental grasp of Yah’s will. This person also **“knows”** his Creator by having an intimate relationship with Him, of being in harmony with Yah’s focus, and following it. To **“understand”** is to comprehend or realize Yah’s will for us. In contrast, to **“know”** is to live within His will, as having a relationship. For example; I know her or him, as in mating, bonded together, whether physically or spiritually, having a relationship, not just an acquaintance.

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True worship is to be Christ-like, to imitate His action in our lives as He lives through us. We are to be the instruments of His peace on earth. An instrument, as in a musical instrument, is meant to be played, not admired for its physical beauty. The music, the sound, is the gift not the instrument itself, the instrument left unused, only holds potential as with understanding. It is only when a relationship is formed between instrument and player that sound is developed which correlates to understanding. That relationship must be nurtured through time and practice to make its sound pleasing from the instrument to the hearer which correlates to knowing. Anyone can **understand** that if I blow on this end of the instrument noise comes out the other end, or in plucking a string or hitting a key, noise is formed. But it’s **knowing** that only through the diligence of practice in a relationship with the instrument that beautiful music is created!

The music that Yah delights in is; loving kindness, judgment and righteousness. This is music to His ears in which He delights. If we are to **understand and know** the LORD, to recognize in what He delights, we must **“exercise” loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness**. Not just understanding what they are, but to **“exercise”** ...doing them in our lives.

We said the meaning of **“knowing”** is confirmed by observation, recognition by those that see our actions. Our fruits are to be seen and eaten by others; they are not to be hoarded by us. If we are to say that we **“know”** Yah we should see the evidence in our lives by the **“exercising”** of His loving kindness, judgment and righteousness in our walk.

So the questions become; do you have an instrument? What shape is it in? Does it make noise or music? Perchance we need to **exercise** now while we are given the opportunity. The time is coming in which it will be too late to start an intimate relationship with one that we have ignored all this time. We will have no excuse in not having heard the words prophesied to us as warnings.

Lk 13:23~30 Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the

master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye **begin** to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, **“I know you not”** whence ye are: Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. But he shall say, I tell you, **“I know you not”** whence ye are; depart from me, **all ye workers of iniquity**. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves **thrust out**. And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God. And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last.

*To “know” and yet not “do”
Is not to “know” at all*

*The happiest moments occur when I am worshiping Yah in service. Then I “**know**” Him as He is, having fellowship with His ever-blessed Holy Spirit. In that worship of **doing**, I forget the cares of self and am approaching what it will be like in His Kingdom with Yahshua.*

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