

HOSEA STUDY
Lesson Five: "Knowledge of God"
Hosea 4:1-6

INTRODUCTION

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"THERE IS NO KNOWLEDGE OF GOD IN THE LAND." (v. 1)

Our PURPOSE and PASSION is to KNOW God.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO KNOW GOD AND LIVE WITH THE
KNOWLEDGE OF GOD?

It means INTIMACY and INTEGRITY.

1. INTIMACY: "Proceeding from within, inward, internal."
 - God requires the opening of our innermost being to Him.
 - Psalm 139:1; 23-24
 - Our UNDERSTANDING and AWARENESS of God are in RESPONSE to our being KNOWN by God.

2. INTEGRITY: "Wholeness – undivided, unimpaired, completeness."
 - It is CONSISTENCY between what we BELIEVE and what we DO.
 - Knowing God requires INTEGRITY – living what we believe.

WHY DO WE LACK INTEGRITY?

1. BECAUSE WE DO NOT LIVE DAILY LIVES OF BEING SEARCHED AND KNOWN BY GOD.
2. WE DON'T OPEN OURSELVES AND DARE TO BE REAL WITH GOD.
(As a RESULT, we LACK INTEGRITY.)

IN HOSEA 4, GOD CONFRONTS ISRAEL WITH HER DENIAL OF HIS PURPOSE.

1. VERSE 1: "There is NO TRUTH or MERCY or KNOWLEDGE OF GOD in the land."
2. VERSE 6: "My people are destroyed for LACK OF KNOWLEDGE."
3. WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF GOD THERE IS NO INTIMACY.
4. WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF GOD THERE IS NOT INTEGRITY.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN KNOWLEDGE IS LOST? (Hosea 4:1-3)

1. THE ACCUSATION. (1-2) ("Charge or Legal Complaint")
2. THE SENTENCE. (3)
3. "CHARGE" means "LAW SUIT."
 - The charge is that there is no TRUTH, or MERCY or KNOWLEDGE of God in the land.
 - TRUTH means "faithfulness, stability, trustworthiness."
 - MERCY means "loving kindness."
 - KNOWLEDGE means "to know or comply."
4. What Was the RESULT? (A lack of INTEGRITY.)

5. THE CHARGE RESULTS IN A SENTENCE. (3-5) (“THEREFORE”)

- The Land Will MOURN.
- Everyone Will WASTE AWAY.
- The Beasts of the Field, Birds, and Fish Will Be TAKEN AWAY.
- The Priests Will STUMBLE.
- The Prophets Will STUMBLE.

WHY ARE THE PEOPLE DESTROYED? (Hosea 4:6)

THE REASON THE PEOPLE ARE DESTROYED:

“For lack of KNOWLEDGE.”

CONCLUSION

1. LIFE’S ULTIMATE QUESTION: “Do You KNOW God?”

2. OUR PROBLEM TODAY

- Is not LACK OF INFORMATION about God.
- Our problem is, NOT KNOWING Him as He has REVEALED Himself.
- In Christ, God Has Revealed HIMSELF.

(John 14:9; John 1:4)

- Our KNOWLEDGE of God, our RELATIONSHIP with God begins, continues, and ends in CHRIST.

(John 14:6; 17:3)

3. PAUL’S PURPOSE. (Philippians 3:10)

4. IT IS NOT WHAT WE BELIEVE THAT COUNTS. IT'S WHOM WE BELIEVE THAT REALLY MATTERS.

5. IT IS WHOM WE HAVE ENTERED INTO A RELATIONSHIP WITH: MIND TO MIND, HEART TO HEART, SPIRIT TO SPIRIT.
 - We were CREATED in the IMAGE of God.
 - Through Christ we are REGENERATED in the NATURE of God.
 - That we might be a REPRODUCTION of the CHARACTER of God in us.