

# PEOPLE WHO KNOW THEIR GOD

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"Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits. {Daniel 11:32}

From the beginning of time God had expected His creation to "know their God." The Bible speaks of some severe consequences awaiting those who do "not know" God:

"And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers." {Romans 1:28,29};

"Since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power." {2 Thessalonians 1:6-9}

In this article we want to discuss some characteristics of those who truly "know God."

**Will be faithful and take a stand for Him.** "Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong." (1 Corinthians 16:13) God's people must always be ready to stand in the gap and fight for His cause. "Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success." {Joshua 1:6-8;} Also read Ephesians 6:10-17. We must always be willing to stand for that which is right, pure, and acceptable to God.

**Will Pray to God.** "Pray without ceasing." {1 Thessalonians 5:17} When one has a relationship with God they will desire to communicate with Him. By prayer we allow our needs to be known to God, Philippians 4:6. It shows our trust, confidence, and allegiance to His cause. How can one claim to know God that does not talk with Him on a regular basis?

Have complete trust in Him. "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him ... " {Job 13:15} Do we trust God with unwavering faith? The Hebrew writer told us without faith it is impossible to please God, Hebrews 11:6. God's children may not always understand His ways, how His providence works in our lives, but we must never doubt His power in our lives.

**One will obey God - regardless of the consequences!** Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego did, Daniel 3:16-18. Daniel did when he continued to pray, even though he knew he would be thrown to the lions, Daniel 6:10-23. Esther did when she went before the king without being called, Esther 4:11-17.

How did these men and women (and many others we could name) have the courage to obey even though death could be the result? They KNEW GOD. His power, His love, His promises, and His faithfulness to those who are obedient.

Truly the only way one can really know God is by being a lover of His word. How can one truly get to know God “personally” without reading His book? The Bible will reveal His character, attributes and expectations of those who desire to be His children. Why not take the time to get to know Him – you will be glad you did! Dear reader, do you truly know God? \*\*\*