

HEAD KNOWLEDGE VERSUS HEART KNOWLEDGE

In the second and third chapters of Genesis, we read that in the Garden of Eden, there were two trees that our Heavenly Father had planted: the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. After sinning, Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden, and mankind ever since has been on a quest for knowledge for both good and evil.

There is a prophecy in Daniel concerning the end times and knowledge. In Daniel 12:04, Daniel prophesied that in the end times, knowledge will be increased. And that is exactly what is happening in the world today.

In his paper entitled *The Doubling Rate of Knowledge in the Early 21st Century*, Shreeyasha Pandey at the University of Louisiana at Monroe wrote “From the stone age to modern-day, the rapid doubling rate of knowledge has shrunk from thousands of years to mere months, and soon to be hours with the development of the micro-chip and technological advances. ... The Knowledge Doubling Curve was first mentioned by Buckminster Fuller in 1982 in his book “Critical Path”. He had noticed that until 1900, human knowledge approximately doubled every century linearly. By 1945, it was doubling every 25 years, and by 1982, it was doubling every 12-13 months.”

With the advent of micro- and nano-technologies, there is not full agreement on the current knowledge doubling rate, but it appears to be a matter of weeks. So, in 2025, all of the knowledge known previously in history is being doubled in a matter of weeks. Knowledge truly is being increased.

But knowledge alone – call it “head knowledge” – is not enough. Head knowledge alone is not the answer or the solution to our problems. There is another aspect of knowledge – call it “heart knowledge” – that is needed to filter, analyze, prioritize, and even eliminate knowledge. Heart knowledge is the conviction and motivation that we gain in order to act on the head knowledge that we have.

Brethren, in my message this afternoon entitled “Head Knowledge Versus Heart Knowledge”, I would like to explore and compare the differences between head knowledge and heart knowledge. And we’ll do this in four points.

The first point in comparing head knowledge to heart knowledge is:

1) Head knowledge leads to arrogance – Heart knowledge leads to humility

Head knowledge for the sake of having knowledge leads to people becoming arrogant with the knowledge that they have. Knowledge gives them a feeling of superiority over others with the attitude of “I know something you don’t!”

Please turn with me to 1 Corinthians 8. The Apostle Paul warned the Corinthian congregation against knowledge for the sake of knowledge and against the corrupting influence that knowledge can bring.

1 Corinthians 8:01 – “Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth. **:02** – And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.”

In verse 1, the Greek verb for “to puff up” is means to inflate, to make arrogant, to puff up. So, Paul is stating that knowledge by itself and for itself has the proclivity to make people arrogant, proud, egotistical, and self-important.

Verse 2 in the New Living Translation states: “Anyone who claims to know all the answers doesn’t really know very much.”

So, the Apostle Paul warns us that head knowledge by itself puffs us up. It can lead to arrogance and to a mindset that is contrary to our Heavenly Father.

You can always tell when you’re talking to an expert or very knowledgeable person about a certain subject. People who are very knowledgeable about a subject are humbled by the fact that they realize that there is so much more that they do not know. People who are not really knowledgeable about a certain subject are puffed up by the little knowledge that they do have, because they are ignorant of the fact that they really don’t know that much about the subject. Again, Paul states in 1 Corinthians 8:02 as the New Living Translation states: “Anyone who claims to know all the answers doesn’t really know very much.”

As stated previously, head knowledge also can lead to comparing ourselves with others on the basis of that knowledge – using the arrogant attitude of “I know something that you don’t know!” Please turn with me to 2 Corinthians 12, where the Apostle Paul addresses this subject with the Corinthian congregation.

2 Corinthians 10:12 – “For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.”

Brethren, do we find ourselves comparing ourselves to others? Are we “proud” that we know the truth about the identity of our Heavenly Father and His role in the plan of salvation while others do not comprehend this wonderful truth? Are we “proud” that we know the knowledge of the truth about the Sabbath, the Holy Days, the plan of salvation for mankind, our future in Jesus’ Kingdom during the Millennium, and our future for all eternity in our Heavenly Father’s Kingdom?

Please turn with me to Romans 12. The Apostle Paul also exhorts the Roman congregation to remain humble before our Heavenly Father.

Romans 12:03 – “For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. **:04** – For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: **:05** – So we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. **:06** – Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, *let us prophesy* according to the proportion of

faith; **:07** – Or ministry, *let us wait on our ministering*: or he that teacheth, on teaching; **:08** – Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, *let him do it* with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.”

All of us have differing spiritual gifts. Head knowledge or teaching is only one gift. That gift is not listed as being more important than the other gifts listed here, such as exhortation, generosity, and being merciful.

Please turn with me to 1 Corinthians 13, widely known as the love chapter. The Apostle Paul puts knowledge in the proper perspective in our lives. He tells the Corinthians that Godly agape love is more important than knowledge.

1 Corinthians 13:01 – “Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity [*ἀγάπη – agápe – Godly love*], I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. **:02** – And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity [*ἀγάπη – agápe – Godly love*], I am nothing. **:03** – And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. **:04** – Charity [*ἀγάπη – agápe – Godly love*] suffereth long, *and* is kind; charity [*ἀγάπη – agápe – Godly love*] envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up [*φυσιώω – fusióo – Strong’s #5448 – meaning to inflate, to make arrogant, to puff up*], **:05** – Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; **:06** – Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; **:07** – Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. **:08** – Charity [*ἀγάπη – agápe – Godly love*] never faileth: but whether *there be* prophecies, they shall fail; whether *there be* tongues, they shall cease; whether *there be* knowledge, it shall vanish away.”

So, head knowledge is nothing if it is not coupled with Godly agape love. But where does heart knowledge come from? Please turn with me to Proverbs 2.

Proverbs 2:06 – “For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth *cometh* knowledge and understanding.”

True knowledge and wisdom come from our Heavenly Father, not from human pride or self-sufficiency. And with the source being our Heavenly Father through His Spirit, that knowledge comes with an attitude of humility.

Please turn with me to Hebrews 4, and we will read a well-known verse about the source of the knowledge that we receive from our Heavenly Father.

Hebrews 4:12 – “For the word of God [*ὁ θεός – ho theos – the God – God Our Father*] is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

This knowledge is heart knowledge, and it humbles us because it comes from our Heavenly Father. It pierces our heart and spirit.

Please turn with me to Job 38. After Job endured his severe physical trials, our Heavenly Father talked with Job. And from that conversation, Job was completely humbled by the knowledge that Yehovah, our Heavenly Father, shared with him.

Job 38:01 – “Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said, **:02** – Who *is* this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? **:03** – Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me. **:04** – Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. **:05** – Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? **:06** – Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; **:07** – When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? **:08** – “ Or *who* shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as *if* it had issued out of the womb?”

In Job 38 and 39, our Heavenly Father asks Job if Job can do what the Father has done. He asks Job to compare himself with the Almighty. What was the result?

Job 40:03 – “Then Job answered the LORD, and said, **:04** – “Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth. **:05** – Once have I spoken; but I will not answer: yea, twice; but I will proceed no further.”

Job 42:06 – “Wherefore I abhor *myself*, and repent in dust and ashes.”

When we compare ourselves to our Heavenly Father and to Jesus instead of with others, we are completely humbled. The heart knowledge of our frailties and weaknesses gives us humility. So, brethren, head knowledge leads to arrogance – heart knowledge leads to humility.

The second point in comparing head knowledge to heart knowledge is:

2) Head knowledge without heart knowledge condemns us

Knowledge of the truth is a great blessing. But if we do not act on that truth and knowledge, then that knowledge will be used to condemn us in the future.

Please turn with me to James 4. The Apostle James wrote just that in his epistle.

James 4:17 – “Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth *it* not, to him it is sin.”

So, knowledge can lead to sin, because if we have knowledge that we should do something required by our Heavenly Father, and we don't do it, it becomes sin in the sight of our Heavenly Father. That is true concerning observing and keeping the Sabbath holy, or observing the Holy Days, or obeying our Heavenly Father's laws, or showing compassion or patience or kindness to others.

If we know to do good, and then if we don't, our Heavenly Father views it as sin, and He holds us accountable for that sin, for not acting upon that knowledge.

Please turn with me to Ecclesiastes 1. Knowledge can increase sorrow and pain.

Ecclesiastes 1:17 – “And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly: I perceived that this also is vexation of spirit. **:18** – For in much wisdom *is* much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.”

Therefore, knowledge for knowledge sake can increase sorrow in our lives.

Please turn with me to Matthew 25, and we will read the famous parable of the ten virgins.

Matthew 25:01 – “Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. **:02** – And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. **:03** – They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: **:04** – But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. **:05** – While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. **:06** – And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. **:07** – Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. **:08** – “And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. **:09** – But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. **:10** – And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. **:11** – Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. **:12** – But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. **:13** – Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.”

So, who are the ten virgins? Are they people in the world? Are the people in the world waiting for Jesus, the bridegroom, to come? The ten virgins represent the called-out ones of our Heavenly Father. They represent the people whom God Our Father has called out to have a special deep relationship with Him. All ten of the virgins were asleep.

But five of the virgins were not even prepared for the bridegroom’s arrival. They had the head knowledge of the fact that the bridegroom was coming, but they took no action to prepare for his arrival by obtaining the required amount of oil for their lamps. Their invitation to the wedding was not taken seriously all the way up to the bridegroom’s arrival. And as we read in verses 11 and 12, as a result of their inaction on the head knowledge that they had, they were not allowed in to the wedding.

And in the end, they did not enter in the our Heavenly Father’s Kingdom. And the sad statement from Jesus was “I do not know you!” It is hard to imagine how painful it would be to hear those words from Jesus and from our Heavenly Father. Head knowledge without heart knowledge condemned the five foolish virgins who had not prepared themselves.

Let’s continue to read in Matthew 25, where we will read the parable of the talents.

Matthew 25:14 – “For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. **:15** –

And unto one he gave five talents , to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. (Skip) **:19** – After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. (Skip) **:24** – Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: **:25** – And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. **:26** – His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: **:27** – Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. **:28** – Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. **:29** – For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. **:30** – And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

This third man did nothing with his talent. He buried it. He did nothing with it to use as a blessing for others. The man was scared to do anything with the talent. Now, just substitute “bits of knowledge” for “talents” in the parable. The third man did nothing with the knowledge that he was given. He was fearful of the changes that he would have to make because of that knowledge. So, he simply buried the knowledge and took no action with it. His master was not pleased at all that the man did this. And in the end, the third man lost the knowledge that was given to him, and he was ultimately cast into outer darkness – spiritual death.

Please turn with me to Hebrews 6, where we read of a warning not to neglect and diminish the importance of the knowledge that our Heavenly Father has given to us. We must act with the knowledge that our Heavenly Father has given to us.

Hebrews 6:04 – “For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, **:05** – And have tasted the good word of God [*knowledge of our Heavenly Father’s truth in the Bible*], and the powers of the world to come, **:06** – If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put *him* to an open shame.”

After a period time, without action on the head knowledge that our Heavenly Father has given us, without developing heart knowledge coupled with that head knowledge, it becomes easier and easier to diminish the importance of that head knowledge to the point that it is not believed anymore.

So, brethren, head knowledge without heart knowledge condemns us.

The third point in comparing head knowledge to heart knowledge is:

3) Head knowledge is academic and requires no action

Head knowledge, or knowledge by itself, truly is academic. There is no requirement for change. People can know information and do nothing with it. How many stories have we heard where people in coastal towns and cities are warned by the National Weather Service and local governments to evacuate because of the approaching devastating Category 5 hurricane. All the people who hear the warnings have the head knowledge of the impending hurricane and its horrible impacts on life and infrastructure. But that information requires no action (sometimes the government forces people to heed the warnings). But in many cases, people reject the warnings and do not evacuate. No action is taken.

Many people have knowledge of the Sabbath and that the Sabbath is indeed the seventh day of the week (Saturday). They have the head knowledge that Sunday is not the Sabbath, and that the seventh day Sabbath should be observed and honored. Yet, they look at their lives and the activities and entertainment and pleasures that they enjoy, and they find that many, if not most, of those pleasurable and entertaining activities occur on Friday nights or on Saturdays. They have parties with all their close friends on Friday nights. The social galas they attend are on Friday nights. They have season tickets to their college football games on Saturday afternoons. The list goes on and on.

These people have the head knowledge of the Sabbath, but they do not act. They are not willing to give up these pleasurable and entertaining activities in order to observe the Sabbath. They are not willing to give up the parties with their friends or the basketball games or the football games or any other social activity. They do not want to change their lives and bring total upheaval in their schedules and social lives. So, they make excuses for why keeping the Sabbath is not important. Ultimately, the final excuse that covers all excuses and salves their consciences is the question “What difference does it make?”

The same is true about the truth concerning the identity of our Heavenly Father in the scriptures of the Bible. There are many people in the Churches of God who believe that our Heavenly Father is indeed Yehovah in the Old Testament. But they are not willing to make the changes in their lives that acting on that belief will bring. They don’t want to be ostracized by the congregation. They don’t want to give up what they have in their “church” lives, the social aspects, the activities, the friendships, the weekly Sabbath routine, etc. Ultimately, they also make the final excuse that covers all excuses and salves their consciences in stating “What difference does it make?”

Please turn with me to James 1. This self-deception and salving of the conscience was addressed by the Apostle James in his analogy of looking into a mirror.

James 1:23 – “For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: **:24** – For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.”

James states that when we have head knowledge and don’t do anything with it, we just deceive ourselves into believing a false reality. We deceive ourselves into

believing that the head knowledge that we have is not really that important and thus does not require any action. We deceive ourselves into believing that the head knowledge is good for having the head knowledge for its own sake and use.

Please turn with me to Luke 10, and we will read a very famous parable that Jesus gave concerning using heart knowledge and not just head knowledge.

Luke 10:30 – “And Jesus answering said, A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead. **:31** – And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. **:32** – And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked *on him*, and passed by on the other side.

From this parable, we see that a priest and a Levite walked by the injured man without ever offering to help. They actually passed on the other side of the road so as not to get even near him. In all their religiosity and fake righteousness, they probably thought to themselves “Wow, that man must be really hurt. I hope someone comes along and helps him.” Or maybe even worse, they thought “Wow, that man must have really done something horrible to be in such bad shape.” They had the head knowledge that the man was there and that he was dying. But they did not act. Head knowledge does not force you to act. Just because you know something in your head does not mean that it will force you to act.

So, brethren, head knowledge is academic and requires no action, which brings us to the fourth and final point.

The fourth point in comparing head knowledge to heart knowledge is:

4) Heart knowledge brings conviction and leads to action

Let's continue reading in Luke 10.

Luke 10:33 – “But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion *on him*, **:34** – And went to *him*, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. **:35** – And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave *them* to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. **:36** – Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? **:37** – And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.”

The priest and the Levite had head knowledge of the fact that there was a very injured man lying in the road. But they had no heart knowledge which would have made them act out of compassion to help the injured man.

The interesting point in this parable is that the hero of the story is the Samaritan. Samaritans were thought by the Jews to be almost less than human, the lowest of the low and the vilest of the vile. This Samaritan had heart knowledge which led to his compassion and which led him to act. He did not wait for someone else to intervene and to help the man. The Samaritan himself had compassion and acted on that compassion with his heart knowledge. And at the end of the parable, Jesus said that we should go and do likewise.

Jesus said in essence that we need to combine head knowledge with heart knowledge in order to act and to serve and to help one another.

Do we do that? Do we act when we see the need? Seeing the need is head knowledge. Doing something about the situation to help others is heart knowledge. Again, heart knowledge requires action.

Please turn with me to James 1 again, and we will reread James' warning. Do we see a need, but instead of doing something, we turn away, and then put that need out of our mind, salving our consciences that certainly someone else will take care of the person? That is exactly the same attitude that the priest and the Levite had in Luke 10.

James 1:22 – “But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. **:23** – For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: **:24** – For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. **:25** – But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.”

When we step away, do we forget? Heart knowledge stays with us even when we step away from the mirror. Are we hearers only or are we doers?

Please turn with me to Acts 2. On the day of Pentecost, Peter courageously stood up and gave a power message to the men who had gathered around in Jerusalem. Let's read what happened after the people heard his message.

Acts 2:32 – “This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. **:33** – Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. **:34** – For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, **:35** – Until I make thy foes thy footstool. **:36** – Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. **:37** – Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do? **:38** – Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”

After hearing Peter's message, the people were all cut in their heart. Their heart knowledge was wanting them to do something, but they didn't know what to do. That is why they all asked Peter and the apostles "What shall we do?"

Please turn with me to Matthew 13. Jesus gave a parable about that high value and treasure that people have in their lives, and He was speaking to the multitudes in a litany of parables.

Matthew 13:44 – "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. **:45** – Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: **:46** – Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it."

In this parable, the man had head knowledge that there was a treasure in the field. Using only head knowledge, that would have been the end of the story. He knew that there was a treasure in the field. He could have said, "Oh well, I guess someone will come along and get that treasure someday. They'll be very blessed and happy." And that would be it. No further action would be taken by the man.

But with heart knowledge and the conviction that comes with it, the man actually acted. He sold all that he had and bought the field so that he could have the treasure himself. Heart knowledge requires action.

Likewise, the merchant man found one pearl of great price. He had head knowledge of the existence of the pearl. And again, using only head knowledge, that would have been the end of the story. He knew that there was a pearl of great price. He could have said, "Oh well, I guess someone will come along and obtain that beautiful pearl someday. They'll be very blessed and happy." And that would be it. No further action would be taken by the man.

But again, with heart knowledge and the conviction that comes with it, the merchant man actually acted. He sold all that he had and bought the pearl of great price so that he could have it himself. Again, heart knowledge requires action.

So, brethren, heart knowledge brings conviction and leads to action.

In today's message, we have explored the concept of head knowledge versus heart knowledge through four points, which were:

- 1) Head knowledge leads to arrogance – Heart knowledge leads to humility. Knowledge by itself often leads to arrogance and a feeling of superiority above others. It fosters an attitude of "I know something you don't." Knowledge puffs up. We can begin to compare ourselves and our knowledge to others, which is a very disruptive and destructive action. True knowledge from our Heavenly Father will humble us, because with His Spirit, we will compare ourselves to Him. By doing so, we will always be cognizant that we fall short and will remain humble as a consequence.

Brethren, do we find ourselves being arrogant in having the knowledge that our Heavenly Father has opened our minds to? Do we feel that that knowledge somehow makes us better than others? Do we start comparing ourselves to others in this regard? Or do we always keep the example that Jesus left us as the measuring stick with which to compare ourselves? Just think on the vast quantity of head knowledge that Jesus had, yet He was always humble.

- 2) Head knowledge without heart knowledge condemns us. Having the knowledge to do an action and then not doing that action condemns us. We know to do good, but then we still don't do the good that we know we should do. It no longer is a sin of ignorance, because we now have the knowledge.

Brethren, are we changing and moving closer and closer to our Heavenly Father by following the example of Jesus in our daily lives? Do we feel that our Heavenly Father's Kingdom is real to us? Are we thankful for knowing the truth about our future in His Kingdom, for knowing the truth about the Sabbath and the Holy Days and their meaning, for knowing the truth about our Heavenly Father's plan of salvation and about our part in it?

- 3) Head knowledge is academic and requires no action. Just knowing something does not equate to using that knowledge for the betterment of others. Just knowing something requires no action. Mankind has incredible knowledge, but mankind does not act on that knowledge to help others. Many make excuses not to do actions with the knowledge that they have.

Brethren, do we make excuses to salve our own consciences so that we won't need to change from the head knowledge that we receive?

- 4) Heart knowledge brings conviction and leads to action. Heart knowledge does not allow the cares of this world to choke out the head knowledge to where the knowledge is no longer important. On the contrary, heart knowledge gives us the conviction to change, to act, to do, no matter what the consequences are.

Brethren, do we have the conviction from our heart knowledge to follow our Heavenly Father and His Son no matter what? No matter the cost? No matter the suffering? No matter the deprivation, or the loneliness, or the discomfort?

In conclusion, please turn with me to Ephesians 1, where Paul exhorts the Ephesians that our Heavenly Father would give them knowledge about Him.

Ephesians 1:15 – “Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, **:16** – Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; **:17** – That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of [about] him: **:18** – The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, **:19** – And what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power...”

Brethren, we have been given an incredible, fascinating, and rewarding blessing of having a clearer knowledge of who our Heavenly Father is. This allows us to deepen our relationship with Him.

Let's continue to deepen our heart knowledge and conviction of this way of life, to deepen our commitment to follow our Heavenly Father no matter what, and to deepen our allegiance to follow the example that Jesus left for us in the pages of the Bible.

Yes, the present world is exploding with knowledge, yet it is completely ignorant of the knowledge which can only come from our Heavenly Father. We indeed have been so blessed to have been given that knowledge.

Brethren, what will you do with that knowledge?