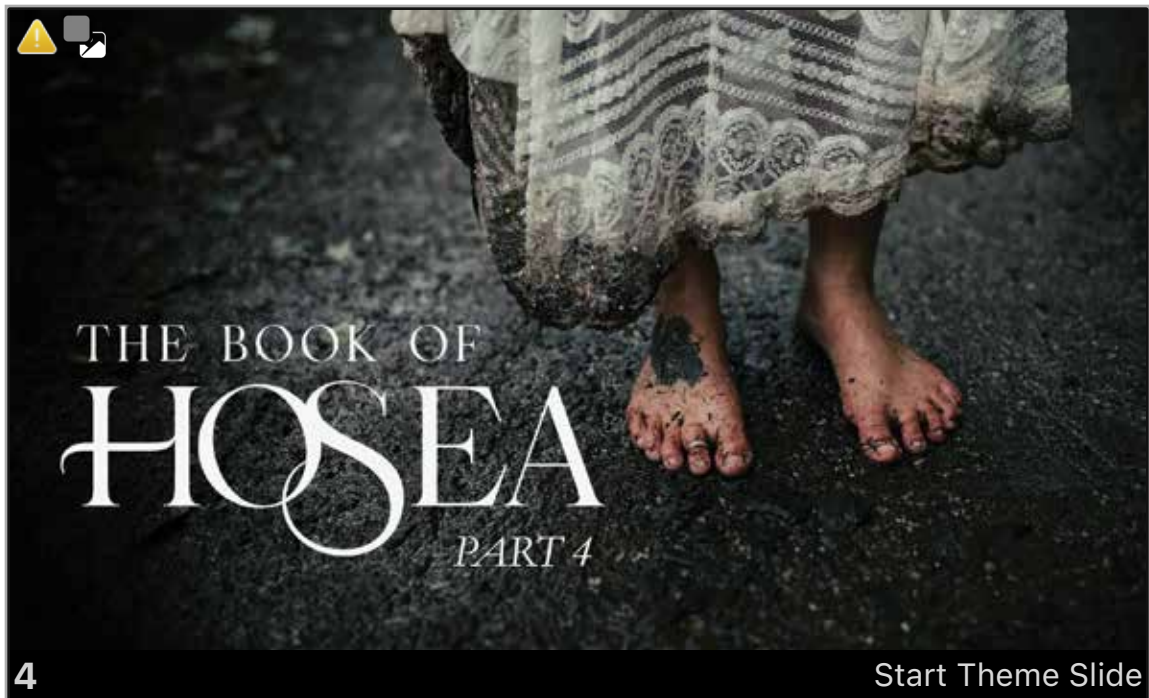


Sermon Notes

March 2, 2025



We have all heard the idiom
“Ignorance is bliss.”

True or False?

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Ignorance is not bliss when it comes to
the knowledge of God.

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Hosea declares that the people are
being destroyed by their lack of
knowledge of God.

Is this true in our day?

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Most of us know about God,
but that is quite different
from knowing God.

Billy Graham

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Today: Knowing God personally

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How important is it that we grow in our knowledge and understanding of God?

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Knowledge of God is foundational
to understanding the purpose for
our lives.

You were made to know God!

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²³This is what the LORD says:
“Let not the wise boast of their wisdom
or the strong boast of their strength
or the rich boast of their riches,
²⁴but let the one who boasts boast about
this:
that they have the understanding to know
Jeremiah 9:23-24 (NIV)

²⁴but let the one who boasts boast about
this: that they have the understanding to
know me, that I am the LORD, who exercises
kindness, justice and righteousness on
earth, for in these I delight,”
declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 9:23-24 (NIV)

³This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

John 17:3 (NASB-1995)

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“ The purpose of your life is far greater than your own personal fulfillment, your peace of mind, or even your happiness. It's far greater than your family, your career, or even your wildest dreams and ambitions. If you want to know your purpose, you must begin with God. You were born for his purposes and his glory. ”

Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life*

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Hosea acts as a prosecuting attorney –
and brings charges against the people
and their leaders.

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Hosea accuses the people of his day
of neglecting the knowledge of God.

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¹Hear the word of the LORD, O people of Israel!

The LORD has brought charges against you, saying:

“There is no faithfulness, no kindness, no knowledge of God in your land.

²You make vows and break them;

Hosea 4:1-6 (NLT)

You kill and steal and commit adultery. There is violence everywhere— one murder after another.

³That is why your land is in mourning, and everyone is wasting away.

Even the wild animals, the birds of the sky, and the fish of the sea are disappearing.

Hosea 4:1-6 (NLT)

⁴“Don’t point your finger at someone else
and try to pass the blame!
My complaint, you priests,
is with you.

⁵So you will stumble in broad daylight,
and your false prophets will fall with you in
the night.

Hosea 4:1-6 (NLT)

And I will destroy Israel, your mother.

⁶My people are being destroyed
because they don’t know me.

Since you priests refuse to know me,
I refuse to recognize you as my priests.
Since you have forgotten the laws of your
God, I will forget to bless your children.

Hosea 4:1-6 (NLT)

In chapter 6, Hosea repeats the importance of knowing God.

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³Oh, that we might know the LORD!
Let us press on to know him.
He will respond to us as surely as the arrival
of dawn
or the coming of rains in early spring.”

⁴“O Israel and Judah,
what should I do with you?” asks the LORD.

Hosea 6:3-6 (NLT)

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Hosea 6:3-6 (NLT) 1 of 3

“For your love vanishes like the morning mist and disappears like dew in the sunlight.
⁵I sent my prophets to cut you to pieces—to slaughter you with my words, with judgments as inescapable as light.

Hosea 6:3-6 (NLT)

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Hosea 6:3-6 (NLT) 2 of 3

⁶I want you to show love,
not offer sacrifices.
I want you to know me
more than I want burnt offerings.

Hosea 6:3-6 (NLT)

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Hosea 6:6 (NLT)

⁶For I desire mercy, not sacrifice,
and acknowledgment of God rather than
burnt offerings.

Hosea 6:6 (NIV)

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Hosea 6:6 (NIV)

The people in Hosea's day did not
prioritize knowing God.

Are we doing the same thing today?

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Two requirements for a growing knowledge of God:

1. A personal knowledge of the Bible

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We do not know God apart from the scriptures that inform us about who he is and his plan for us in Jesus.

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Charles Spurgeon



If you wish to know God, you must know his Word. If you wish to perceive His power, you must see how He works by his Word. If you wish to know His purpose before it comes to pass, you can only discover it by His Word.

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⁴⁴He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

Luke 24:44-47 (NIV)

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Luke 24:44-47 (NIV) 1 of 2

⁴⁶He told them, "This is what is written:
The Messiah will suffer and rise from the
dead on the third day,
⁴⁷and repentance for the forgiveness of sins
will be preached in his name to all nations,
beginning at Jerusalem.

Luke 24:44-47 (NIV)

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¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have
learned and have become convinced of,
because you know those from whom you
learned it,
¹⁵and how from infancy you have known the
Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you
wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 3:14-17 (NIV)

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2 Timothy 3:14-17 (NIV) 1 of 2

¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,
¹⁷so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:14-17 (NIV)

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2 Timothy 3:14-17 (NIV) Last of 2



The Bible is not an end in itself, but a means to bring men to an intimate and satisfying knowledge of God, that they may enter into Him, that they may delight in His Presence, may taste and know the inner sweetness of the very God Himself in the core and center of their hearts.

— Aiden Wilson Tozer —

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Lack of biblical understanding stunts
our knowledge of God.

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Two requirements for a growing
knowledge of God:

2. **A personal experience** with Jesus
Christ

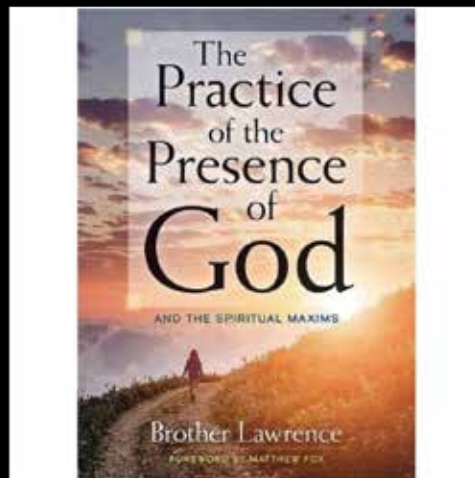
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³This is eternal life, that they may know You,
the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom
You have sent.


John 17:3 (NASB-1995)

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The most holy and important
practice in the spiritual life is
the presence of God - that is,
every moment to take great
pleasure that God is with you

Brother Lawrence

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²⁹The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas.

³⁰He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

³¹They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household."

Acts 16:29-31 (NIV)

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Acts 16:29-31 (NIV)

Three truths about knowing God:

1. The essence of Christianity is a personal knowledge and relationship with Jesus Christ.

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²⁴The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

²⁵Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me,

John 10:24-28 (NIV)

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John 10:24-28 (NIV)

²⁶but you do not believe because you are not my sheep.

²⁷My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

²⁸I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.

John 10:24-28 (NIV)

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John 10:24-28 (NIV)

Three truths about knowing God:

2. Knowing God through faith in Jesus is something that we have in common with other believers.

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¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

²The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life,

1 John 1:1-4 (NIV)

Which was with the Father and has appeared to us.

³We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

⁴We write this to make our joy complete.

1 John 1:1-4 (NIV)

Koinonia; an experiential word
meaning shared fellowship or
experience.

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“ The glorious thing about Christian
experience is that whatever their
natural psychology, whatever their
natural temperament, all Christians
experience essentially the same
experience as one another. ”
Martin Lloyd-Jones, *Life in Christ*

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COMMON ELEMENTS OF CHRISTIAN CONVERSION INCLUDE:

- Awareness of God's reality and presence
- Awareness of my need for God (conviction of sin)
- A sense of God's love and mercy
- A lifting of a personal weight or burden
- A sense of joy or delight
- A new perspective and hope

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Three truths about knowing God:

3. Christians are people who want others to know Jesus as well.

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⁶For I desire mercy, not sacrifice,
and acknowledgment of God rather than
burnt offerings.

Hosea 6:6 (NIV)

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Hosea 6:6 (NIV)

Jesus quotes Hosea 6:6 to explain his
love for lost and wayward people.

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⁹As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

¹⁰While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples.

Matthew 9:9-13 (NIV)

¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

¹²On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.

¹³But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.

Matthew 9:9-13 (NIV)

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