

Glimpses of the Kingdom

7. Knowledge (2)

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“ . . . for they shall all know Me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD . . . ”
(Jer. 31:34).

OUR LORD is a God of knowledge, and He imparts it to those who are His own. It is part of His purpose that He is to be known in the eyes of many nations, for He will be great in the earth, when “they shall know that I am the LORD”—the great theme of Ezekiel, and indeed of the Bible itself. Those mortals who are blessed to be part of the Kingdom we are considering will have seen for themselves the mighty shaking of the earth, the splitting open of all the hidden graves, the crowning of the One whose right it is; and they will surely have come to know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomsoever He will.

The saints’ role will be to teach them about the Lord and His laws; and discovering the many attributes of the Divine Name and nature will be fully to appreciate our relationship with our Maker, truly to rejoice in His Fatherly loving-kindness. Understanding the fear of God is to find knowledge, “For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of His mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous . . . Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity” (Prov. 2:6-9). The meek He will guide in judgement; and He will teach us of His ways. In the Kingdom, the discoveries we have made for ourselves in the Scriptures will be theirs too, as we rightly divide for them the Word of truth and have our labours blessed. Being at last rooted and grounded in love, mortals too will comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge, that they might be filled with the fullness of God, Who has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness through the knowledge of Him that has called us unto glory and virtue.

“Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom” (1 Kgs. 10:8)—words spoken

to King Solomon; but how much more will they apply to the immortal servants of David’s greater Son, upon whom has rested the spirit of the

Lord, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might! In the Kingdom, will there be anything that the Lord Jesus Christ will not know? He knows all men’s hearts, and has been endued with quick understanding in the fear of the Lord. His gracious words of wisdom will enlighten us, inspire us, enthral us; for never man spoke like this Man! Like Mary of Bethany, we will sit at his feet, drinking in his teachings, hearing him gladly. Like the disciples on the Emmaus road, our hearts will burn within us while he opens to us the Scriptures, and tells us all that we ever did; is not this the Christ?

Think of how he educated his followers during the forty days he remained with them before his ascension; he will instruct us, too, in all we need to know, so that we might be able to share those doctrines perfectly with faithful mortals during the Millennium. We shall be his Bride, and he will delight in explaining to us all that we need, that our knowledge might be perfected. He will tell us all things, as the woman at the well declared, and we will know that the Son of God is come, and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him that is true, and be in Him that is true, even in His Son Jesus Christ. Our present feeble, fleshly wisdom will be redundant; for now we know in part, but when that which is perfect is come then that which is in part will be done away. Now we see through a glass darkly, but then face to face; now we know in part, but then we shall know even as we are known.

Our vast, new Kingdom-knowledge will not end with the Lord Jesus Christ here in the earth, awe-inspiring though it will be. Eternal life is to know God Himself, for every one from the least to the greatest; and the pure in heart *will* know Him, when they behold His face, when He receives back the New World from His Son. And we, His servants, shall see his face, and His Name will be written in our foreheads.