



He Who Thinks He Knows

Part 1

*He who thinks he knows has not known as he ought to know but he who loves God is known by God.
1 Corinthians 8:2-3*

There is a vast difference between the way of knowledge and the way of love. These two are eternally opposed, even as the tree of life is a completely separate way from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The carnal mind that exalts itself above the knowledge of God is the broad way that leads to death. The love of God flowing through a humble heart is the narrow way that leads to life. It is a heart that says, "You know, Lord." Human knowledge will never bring us to love, but love will always bring us to true knowledge in Him.

When God created Adam in His likeness, He made him in love. (*Eph. 1:4*). He designed him to trust and commune with God (and man) from his heart, the center of his being or his spirit and not out of independent thinking. We can never know God out of an independent carnal mind set. It's the spirit of God that "*searches all things, yea the deep things of God, for what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knows no man, but the Spirit of God.*" (*1 Cor. 2:10-11*). God has given us His Spirit in order to know Him. Any independent perception of God and man will be faulty.

It was out of his inner being, his spirit and heart, that Adam perceived his wife as bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh. "*She shall be called isha (Heb.) because she was taken out of ish.*" She was taken out of him and he knew it by revelation, from a pure heart and spirit. He didn't need to reason about it and come to a conclusion. He intimately knew (Heb. yada/to know intimately) because he was one with God.

When Adam sinned, his eyes were opened to see independently of God, in part, and not in the wholeness of co-perception with His Maker. He began to judge by appearance and not by inner-sight through the revelation of the Spirit. He began to judge by outward appearance co-laboring with a reasoning mind. He now knew that he and Eve were naked and he was ashamed. He was ashamed because he was now looking at her as a separate entity and no longer as his own body in the oneness of love. "*So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loves his wife loves himself.*" *Eph. 5:28-29*. He was no longer covering her in union love, but exposing her in the enmity that comes out from an independent mind set.

Adam said, "*the woman You gave me*". This was now a judgment based on reasoning by outward appearance. He could only see God bringing Eve to him, but not taking her out from him. He had lost a whole realm of divine experience by having his eyes opened to the realm of good and evil, to the realm of outward appearance. He didn't gain anything, but lost a whole dimension of divine understanding. He lost the ability to see the motive of God from the heart: His absolute benevolence towards the man He had made (for God said it was good). He now saw with a divided mind and heart, as a separate entity and not in union with his Creator. He was now judging himself and the world around him by appearance in collaboration with his carnal mind. He was now at enmity (hate; opposition) with his Creator and with his neighbor. But love works no evil to its neighbor.

Part 2

Paul knew that we are prone to judging out of the realm of the open eye, or by outward appearances. He said in *1 Corinthians 4*, that he knew nothing by himself; and that it was the Lord who judged him. He said that he didn't even judge himself.

“Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels (intentions, purposes, wills) of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.” 1 Corinthians 4:5

In *1 Corinthians 8:1* it says that knowledge puffs up, but love edifies (builds up). Knowledge does not build us up. It inflates us with temporal earthly knowledge that is easily deflated. Love however, makes us grow up into Him, the eternal incorruptible One and our Head. Knowledge cannot bring us to love, but love will always bring us to an experiential knowledge of Him and one another.

In *2 Corinthians 10:5* we are instructed to cast down reasonings and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God. All of our independent reasonings are opposed to the true knowledge of God. The carnal mind is at enmity with God. *“But the natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness to him: neither can he know them for they are spiritually discerned. He that is spiritual discerns all things (visible, invisible; temporal, eternal; earthly and heavenly), yet he himself is discerned by no man.”*
1 Corinthians 2:14-16

In *Romans 1:21*, it says that men *“became vain in their imaginations (reasonings), and their foolish heart was darkened.”* As we reason, our hearts get darker and darker and it becomes more and more difficult to love with the love of God. He continues to warn us in *Romans 2* that judgment by appearance and vain reasoning is so faulty that we cannot even see that we are guilty of the same actions that we perceive in others. The Lord has shown me that when I perceive others from reasonings in collaboration with outward appearances, I am always wrong!

Why do the people imagine (ponder; meditate) a vain thing? Didn't the Pharisees do the same thing? Simon the Pharisee perceived the woman washing the feet of Jesus with her tears as a harlot and not as a repentant soul. He had no insight by the Spirit, but could only "see" and reason by outward appearance. He was blind to a whole realm of truth that can only be revealed through the heart by the Spirit. *Luke 7:36-50*.

He continues to say in *Romans 2:5* that *“after your hardness and impenitent heart you treasure up to yourself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God.”* In *Ephesians 4:17-18*, the Lord says that we are no longer to walk as the nations walk, in the vanity of their mind, having our understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in us because of the blindness (hardness) of our heart. He says in *2 Cor. 4:4-6*, that the god of this world has blinded the minds of those who believe not, but that His light has shined IN OUR HEARTS, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

So the vain reasonings of our carnal minds are not just a faulty or lesser way, but a completely independent and erroneous road that alienates us from the life of God and is a sign of a hard heart that will be judged by God. That's why true circumcision is of the heart. For with the heart man believes unto righteousness. God's righteousness can never be revealed through carnal thinking.

Part 3

In *Luke 24*, we see the two on the Emmaus Road communing and reasoning together about the death and resurrection of the Lord. It is written that their eyes (spiritual) were held that they should not know Jesus as He comes to walk alongside them. They share their perception of what happened those days and Jesus then rebukes them. *“O fools and SLOW OF HEART to believe all that the prophets have spoken.”* He begins to open the scriptures concerning Himself. When Jesus pretends to go further, they constrain Him (Gk/violently with all their strength). As He takes bread, blesses it and breaks it, their eyes are opened to know Him. Then they say, *“DID NOT OUR HEARTS BURN WITHIN US while he talked with us by the way and while He opened to us the scripture?”*

That same hour the two go to Jerusalem to testify to the disciples that Jesus is alive, and as they thus speak, He comes and stands in their midst. As the disciples are terrified and yet in unbelief, He says, *"why are you troubled and why do reasonings (Gk) arise in your hearts?"* He opens their understanding that they might understand the scriptures.

The independent carnal mind of man cannot know God. Much of the Church in the western world, influenced by hellenistic reasoning, is operating out of this faulty and lesser way that takes us away from the true knowledge of God that comes through the heart by the Spirit. We are living in an hour when God wants to open the word to us in a deeper way that will cause our hearts to burn and our eyes to open to the fulness of the revelation of Christ. He wants to bring us into a depth of experiential knowledge of Him where there is no independent reasoning.

"He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart and be converted, and I should heal them." Acts 28:27; John 12:40. The Lord has begun to lift this judgment off Israel. It will also be lifted off the backslidden Church. This judgment has kept not only Israel, but the Church and all the nations of the earth in bondage to the carnal reasoning mind. The removal of this judgment will free us all to walk in the love of God, in a realm of understanding by experience that surpasses knowledge, out of a pure and sanctified heart. Our eyes and hearts will be opened and we will be lifted into a dimension where we will be filled with all the fulness of God.

"That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that you being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you might be filled with all the fulness of God."

May each of us turn away from all carnal independent thinking that is opposed to God. Let us turn from a reasoning mind that will never bring us into the true experiential knowledge of Christ. May we covenant with the Lord from the heart to know the love of Christ that goes above and beyond all the realm of natural human thinking. And let us be filled with all the fulness of the One who loved us and created us in His image to reveal Him and respond to Him with all our heart. Amen.

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