



Pursuing God with the Heart

I want to share something that's very special to me, that I received from the Lord very early in my walk. It made all the difference in my intimacy with Him. I want to share this with you so that you can also come into a similar intimacy with the Lord.

He showed me that there's a vast difference between *pursuing Him with the head and pursuing Him with the heart*. I was at Bible school in the mid 80's and I remember walking to class one day and hearing the voice of the Lord saying, "Knowledge will NOT bring you to love. But love will always bring you to the true knowledge of God." It was as if Yeshua was putting a choice before me: "Do you want the way of knowledge, information, the head, or do you desire the way of love?" I made my choice that day and the Lord has been faithful to lead me on the path of love.

When I was a young girl a number of years before I met the Lord, I wrote a story out of a very precious dream that I had. It was about two cousins, one was born without a brain and one without a heart. One cousin spent her life searching to find her brain and the other one searched for her heart. The doctors had been very perplexed and wondered, "What could this be? Where is the heart in the one and where is the brain in the other?" At the end of the story, the doctors tested them on a much deeper level and discovered that in the very center of one of the girl's heart, there was a perfectly formed brain! It was the new order. I tucked that story into my heart, but I later forgot about it.

I became a believer in Yeshua and many years later when I was in Jerusalem, the Lord had me reading *Matthew 15:19* where He says, "*Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts.*" I was startled and I said, "Out of the heart proceed thoughts? How can our heart have thoughts?" It was then that the Lord reminded me of this story and the dream that I had had about a fully formed brain in the center of the girl's heart. At that moment, He led me to find a site online that was called 'Heart-Brain-Science' where scientists in recent years have discovered that the heart is much more than a muscle, that it's an endocrine gland that gives signals to your brain. The Lord continued to show me that the brain and the heart were created to be one, to work together. He showed me that at sin, they separated.

Many of you know and have experienced, like me, that your heart can say one thing and your brain another and that they are not always integrated. In the Scriptures God says, "Out of the HEART proceed THOUGHTS." In *1 Corinthians 8:2-3*, it says that "*He who thinks he knows has not known as he ought to know. But he who loves God is known by God.*" There is a way of knowledge and there is a way of love.

It also says in *2 Corinthians 10:5*, "*Cast down reasonings and every high thing that exalts itself above the knowledge of God.*" How very interesting that the word says, "against the knowledge of God." We think that knowledge is in the head/brain and that love is in the heart, but God begins to show us in the Scriptures that there are deep THOUGHTS in our HEART! That's the transformation that God desires to do in us when He says, "Renew your mind!" and when He says, "Repent!" Many of you know that the Greek word for 'repent' is μετανοώ/metanoo which means to change your nous/vouç, which is your mind.

I believe that God is not talking about the mind/thoughts in your head. He's talking about the deep mind, the thoughts in our heart that only God can see and uncover and that's the deeper repentance that He's calling us to. That's the deeper repentance that's going to bring in revival. That's the repentance that king David experienced that caused him to know that he didn't only commit a sin, but that he was a sinner conceived in sin.

The Lord says in *Romans 1:21* that "*man became vain in their imaginations.*" In the Greek, it's the same word as reasonings (διαλογισμός/dialogismos). It continues to say, "*and their foolish heart was darkened.*" It's very interesting that as you become vain in your thought life, your heart becomes darkened.

But there is a way of knowing God that proceeds out of a circumcised heart, a vulnerable transparent heart. He wants you to go with that. He wants you to trust that. He wants you to open up and let Him circumcise your heart, remove the foreskin of your heart so that you can connect deeply with His heart and truly know Him. There's a knowing that comes out of loving God and not the other way around.

I want to encourage you today to TRUST the Lord to lead you through loving Him which will bring you to the true knowledge of God – not reasoning with a mind that exalts itself above the true knowledge of God, but through the renewed thoughts of your heart, getting cleansed in your heart. Then, we will see Him face to face and we will know as we are known. This is the knowledge of God that is the Hebrew word "yada," which is an intimate knowledge of God that cannot happen by reasoning with your mind. It can only happen by opening your heart and coming into an intimacy with Him and His deep can call to your deep and we can know as we've been known.

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