

BA47. Acquiring and Growing in Knowledge of God.

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BA47a: *We are to acquire knowledge of God.*

BA47b: *We are to grow in knowledge of God.*

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

John 16:13

However, when the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own initiative but will say only what he hears. He will also announce to you the events of the future.

1 Corinthians 15:34

Come to your senses! Live righteously and stop sinning! There are some people who lack knowledge of God- I say this to your shame. (1Co 15:34 CJB)

2 Timothy 2:25

Also he should be gentle as he corrects his opponents. For God may perhaps grant them the opportunity to turn from their sins, acquire full knowledge of the truth,

2 Timothy 3:6-7

For some of them worm their way into homes and get control of weak-willed women who are heaped with sins and swayed by various impulses, who are always learning but never able to come to full knowledge of the truth.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Romans 1:20-21

2 Corinthians 6:6

2 Peter 1:5

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Exodus 10:1-2

Go to Pharaoh, for I have made him and his servants hardhearted, so that I can demonstrate these signs of mine among them, so that you can tell your son and grandson about what I did to Egypt and about my signs that I demonstrated among them, and so that you will all know that I am ADONAI.

Joshua 4:23-24

For ADONAI your God dried up the water in the Yarden from in front of you, until you had crossed, just as ADONAI your God did to the Sea of Suf, which he dried up from in front of us, until we had crossed. From this all the peoples of the earth can know that the hand of ADONAI is strong, and you can fear ADONAI your God forever.

1 Samuel 17:46-47

Today ADONAI will hand you over to me. I will attack you, lop your head off, and give the carcasses of the army of the P'lishtim to the birds in the air and the animals in the land. Then all the land will know that there is a God in Isra'el, and everyone assembled here will know that ADONAI does not save by sword or spear. For this is ADONAI's battle, and he will hand you over to us.

Isaiah 37:20

Now therefore, ADONAI our God, save us from his power- so that all the kingdoms on earth will know that you are ADONAI- you only.

Jeremiah 31:33(34)

No longer will any of them teach his fellow community member or his brother, 'Know ADONAI'; for all will know me, from the least of them to the greatest; because I will forgive their wickednesses and remember their sins no more.

Ezekiel 20:11-12

I gave them my laws and showed them my rulings; if a person obeys them, he will have life through them. I gave them my shabbats as a sign between me and them, so that they would know that I, ADONAI, am the one who makes them holy.

Daniel 11:32

Those who act wickedly against the covenant he will corrupt with his blandishments, but the people who know their God will stand firm and prevail.

Comment

“Knowledge of God” is different from “the knowledge of God” and is related to (but different from) “knowing God.” We cannot have “the knowledge of God” because we cannot know all that God knows. We can, however, have “knowledge of God” in that we can and should know about him – knowledge that we acquire from the Bible and from the Holy Spirit as he guides us “into all truth” ([John 16:13](#)). “Knowing God” is a step more intimate; it is having a personal relationship with God, which is the subject of *Mitzvah* #BA14.

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