

From The Pulpit

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THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

Text: "The Lord is a God of knowledge. I Sam. 2:3.

God is love, truth, beauty, goodness, glory, power and knowledge. Consider the knowledge of God. How much does He know? All! How much is All?

Those with limited knowledge do not know how great is the area of the knowable. Those who know more, know there is more, much more to be known. The more we know, the more we know there is that we don't know. So far as the human mind can comprehend, this statement holds good all the way to infinity.

EACH OF US live on the inside of a sphere which includes all His knowledge. In childhood, the sphere is small, and the area which we know exists outside is small. But as our knowledge increases and our comprehension enlarges, the area on the outside expands in proportion.

An apple is in contact with a certain number of square inches surrounding it. But the earth is contiguous to millions of square miles around it. Just so, the greater our knowledge, the greater the knowable unknown.

Our little knowledge compared with God's infinite knowledge is as a drop of water to the ocean. Think for a moment of all that men know: History, Geography, Astronomy--reaching out into space in all directions--Chemistry, Mathematics, Engineering, Literature, Music, the Arts, and an infinite variety of subjects, and then consider that all of this is as nothing in comparison with what God must have known from the beginning in order to organize it all, and bring it into existence.

"BEFORE THE mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God." Ps. 90:2.

And what must He know in order to conceive and create the universe including the brain and the personality of man which can contemplate it all!

The concept of the unfathomable knowledge of God brings one to his knees in humility, wonder, and adoration at the greatness of the Lord God who created the heavens and the earth and all that in them is! And yet wonders of wonders! This great God is concerned with the welfare of each of us, His children.

Even the hairs on our heads are numbered and not one sparrow falls to the ground without His notice. How such greatness can be blended so delightfully with such infinite concern for us small, unworthy creatures is a part of the wonder which we are contemplating.

"WHEN I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man, that thou art mindful of him? Ps. 8:3,4.

God created us in His image with the capacity to think His thoughts after Him. We can keep on learning throughout an infinity of time to come. In deep and profound reverence, we contemplate the unfathomable knowledge of God.

What a privilege to be led and directed by infinite knowledge. How certain we are to be in the right order when following Him. And how thoroughly dedicated we ought to be to doing His will according to the best of our understanding! Surely no one of us with his tiny bit of knowledge would think of opposing his beliefs and his will to the knowledge and will of God.

To do so would be like a drop of water contending with all the waters in the ocean.



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ALTAR CALL

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Of Ballots & Bombs

The coming election in many sections of the country will present challenges anew to people who claim a sense of religious commitment.

Elections this year are perhaps the most critical for the Negro voter in the present generation. What with the white backlash taking its position in answer to a riotous summer all over the nation; what with the retreat of those who were in the forefront of civil rights legislation; what with the perennial political expedients that come now as always to grab the spoils of political inertia; how obscure are the choices that are now confronting the voters of the darker hue.

DESPITE THE fact that we know the causes of the riots of '66, we now come to the paymaster's window to collect, and again the Negro is the one whose pay has been docked. Would that those, in spite of their despair and frustration, had foreseen this day, as they poured fuel into their Molotov cocktails.

The riots are gruesome, heart-aching history. The reality of choices that lay ahead is the frightening present. Obscure prophets have proclaimed the coming of this day, but all too many heard not the prophet's voice.

Another liability is the political immaturity of the Negro community. Long denied the knowledge of the inner workings of the political ma-

chine--too long vesting his suffrage into the hands of the spoilers, what resource does the Negro voter have now to further bargain for his rights?

If the old adage, "prayer is all right in prayer meeting, but ain't worth a d--- in bear meeting" has any relevance at all, it is now.

THE "BEARS" are clawing at our "hind-parts" as we run seeking the white politician of goodwill whom we can trust at so crucial an hour in our destiny. We must find some standard, but quick by which to make our decision at the ballot box.

What a resource the Church could have been now, if its leadership had had the foresight to set up a political action committee within local churches (instead of committees for teas) so that a running record of the candidates could have been filed and analyses made of their performability in the light of Negro rights. Too few of us, individually, have taken the time to compile our own file.

So, don't take their beer--their nickels and dimes--their glib promises. Search for the facts and then vote as God-fearingly as you possibly can.

There's an Altar of Religious-Political Responsibility, to which we're all called RIGHT NOW, but are we ready?

HARVEST TEA BRAIN TRUST



"Lovely" must be the plans for the Zion Methodist Church's Building Fund's Harvest Tea judging from the Tea's Committee Chairmen here from (left-seated) Pearlle Joe, Almeda Moody, Cora Woods, and Dora Harris--Standing (from left) Cora Jackson, Pastor, Rev. Marion Bennett; Linda Ward, Atha Toliver, Clara Bailey and J. David Hoggard... The Tea is scheduled for Nov. 20 at Doolittle Recreation Center.

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