



# THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD

## CHRIST THE LORD PARISH

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**THEME: KNOWING GOD**

**DIGGING DEEP**

**TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2025**

**TOPIC: CHARACTERISTICS OF A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**

**TEXT: LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23**

**INTRODUCTION:** We have been studying on the theme of knowing God. We started with Understanding God's Nature by looking at God's attributes, God's word, and God's Sovereignty. Having gained an overview insight into God's nature, we transitioned to getting to know God. We laid the foundation with why it is important to seek God and know Him personally. We then talked about building faith and trust in God and finally communicating with God through prayer. Having known HIM, what are the characteristics of a relationship with God. That is what we will be discussing today under 3 outlines using Bible case studies.

### **Outline 1:**

**Love and Mercy: Experiencing God's love and mercy (John 3:16, Psalm 103:8)**

### **CASE STUDIES**

1. **Abraham** – God's covenant with him was rooted in mercy and love, not perfection *Genesis 12–25*
2. **Moses** – Though he killed a man and later disobeyed God, God showed mercy. *Exodus–Deuteronomy*
3. **David** – Committed adultery and arranged a murder. After sincere repentance he was forgiven. *2 Samuel 11–12; Psalm 51*
4. **Peter** – He denied Christ, but Jesus lovingly restored him showing mercy and even made him foundational leader of the early Church - *Gospels and Acts*
5. **Mary Magdalene** – Delivered from seven demons would later be the first to see the risen Christ- *Luke 8:2; John 20*
6. **Paul (formerly Saul)** – A persecutor of the Church would later become its greatest missionary - *Acts 9; 1 Timothy 1:13–16*
7. **The Woman Caught in Adultery** – Condemned by men but shown mercy by Christ- Mercy over judgement - *John 8:1–11*

### **What is expected of us when we experience God's love and mercy**

1. Worship with gratitude
2. Love God in return- (Obedience- If you love me you will obey my commands)
3. Show mercy and love to others

## Outline 2

### Wisdom and Knowledge: Growing in wisdom and knowledge of God (Proverbs 8:17, 1 Corinthians 1:24)

#### CASE STUDIES

1. **Daniel** – His close walk with God—prayerful, obedient, uncompromising—led to increasing spiritual and practical wisdom (***Daniel 1–6; Daniel 2: 19-23***)
2. **Joseph** – Maintained intimacy with God and learned discernment in dream interpretation and leadership. ***Genesis 37–50***
3. **Jesus (as a child and man)** – His intimate relationship with the Father led to profound teaching, insight, and understanding of Scripture (***Luke 2:40, 52***)
4. **Paul (formerly Saul)** – His letters show deep theology, wisdom, and knowledge of God's heart and purposes. (***Acts 9 onward, Epistles***)
5. **David** – Wrote many psalms reflecting deep spiritual insight, such as Psalm 19, 23, 51, and 139
6. **The Disciples** - Initially slow to understand, but grew in boldness, wisdom, and knowledge of God's plan through the Holy Spirit – ***Gospels and Acts***

Their stories show how **spiritual growth, deeper understanding, and maturity** are fruits of walking with God. A relationship with God transforms how we think, act, and discern. The wise believer is not necessarily the one who knows the most, but the one who listens most intently to God's voice. Through prayer, obedience, and Scripture, our minds are renewed, our decisions refined, and our hearts aligned with His will.

## Outline 3

### Obedience and Submission: Demonstrating love for God through obedience (1 John 5:3, Joshua 1:8)

#### CASE STUDIES OBEDIENCE UNDER DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES

1. **Abraham** – Obedience Without Full Understanding (***Genesis 12:1–4; 22:1–18***)
2. **Jesus Christ** – Perfect Obedience and Submission (***Luke 22:42; Philippians 2:5–8; Hebrews 5:8***)
3. **Daniel** – Consistent Obedience Under Pressure (***Daniel 1:8; 6:10***)
4. **Joseph** – Obedient Through Trials and Temptation (***Genesis 39–50***)

**Conclusion:** When we have agreed to walk with God and entered into a genuine relationship with him, characteristics of such a walk include experiencing His unconditional love and mercy, growing in wisdom and knowledge of him. This will result in obedience and submission at all times no matter what condition we find ourselves.