

When Amazing Happens

I. Knowing God

A. God's Perspective

Psalms 50:11-12 (NIV®)

¹¹ **I know** every bird in the mountains, and the creatures of the field are mine.

¹² If I were hungry I would not tell you, for the world is mine, and all that is in it.

Revelation 3:8 (NIV®)

I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. **I know** that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

Revelation 3:15 (NIV®)

I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV®)

For **I know** the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

B. God Informed Perspective

Job 42:2 (NIV®)

I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted.

Psalms 135:5 (NIV®)

I know that the Lord is great, that our Lord is greater than all gods.

Acts 20:29 (NIV®)

I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock.

2 Timothy 1:12 (NIV®)

That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because **I know** whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.

2 Peter 1:13-15 (NIV®)

¹³ I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, ¹⁴ because **I know** that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. ¹⁵ And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things.

II. Cooperating with God

A. Desire to be Holy

Leviticus 20:7-8 (NASB®)

⁷ ~'You shall consecrate yourselves therefore and be holy, for I am the Lord your God.

⁸ ~'You shall keep My statutes and practice them; I am the Lord who sanctifies you.

B. Seasons of "Amazing"

Joshua 3:3-5 (NIV®)

³ giving orders to the people: "When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the priests, who are Levites, carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it. ⁴ Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before. But keep a distance of about a thousand yards between you and the ark; do not go near it." ⁵ Joshua told the people, "**Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you.**"

C. Cleaned Up

Leviticus 11:44-45 (NIV®)

⁴⁴ I am the Lord your God; consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am holy. **Do not make yourselves unclean** by any creature that moves about on the ground. ⁴⁵ I am the Lord who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God; therefore be holy, because I am holy.

Exodus 19:9-11 (NIV®)

⁹ The Lord said to Moses, "I am going to come to you in a dense cloud, so that the people will hear me speaking with you and will always put their trust in you." Then Moses told the Lord what the people had said. ¹⁰ And the Lord said to Moses, "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow. **Have them wash their clothes ¹¹ and be ready by the third day**, because on that day the Lord will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.

III. Mystery of God in our Midst . . . *Able to save, heal, cleanse, forgive, transform*

A. Fearful to be in the Presence of the Holy

Luke 5:8 (NIV®)

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"

Joshua 3:4 (NIV®)

But keep a distance of about a thousand yards between you and the ark; do not go near it."

Acts 5:9-13 (NIV®)

⁹ Peter said to her, "How could you agree to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also." ¹⁰ At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband.

¹¹ Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events. ¹² The apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade. ¹³ **No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people.**

1. Unknown
2. Do not Understand Completely
3. Not Controllable (God will not be controlled by any human)

B. Victories Won, Deliverance Granted, and Gifts Received — Give Thanks

Psalms 100:1-5 (NKJV®)

¹ A Psalm of Thanksgiving. Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands!

² Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.

³ Know that the Lord, He *is* God; *It is* He *who* has made us, and not we ourselves; *We are* His people and the sheep of His pasture.

⁴ Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, *And* into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, *and* bless His name.

⁵ For the Lord *is* good; His mercy *is* everlasting, And His truth *endures* to all generations.

C. God Responds to People Who Pursue Him

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

We rejoice today that we are known by Almighty God. You are aware of our lives and interested in our well-being. Thank You for all You have done on our behalf. Grant us the strength to complete the course You have created for us. May the name of Jesus be lifted up through our lives. May Your truth be extended. May Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. In Jesus' name, amen.