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- Intro Music - "My Father Is So Good To Me"

Intro narrative by Carl Vasta

Hi, my name is Carl Vasta and I would like to welcome you to the Bible Seeds section here, at Understanding God's Word. This is where I get to comment on biblical readings and stories that brings the bible into what's happening to us in our daily lives.

I'll touch on such topics as Family Prayer or Why I Believe There Is A God. I'll talk about what was predicted that makes these the Terrible Times In The Last Days or how to Have A Daily Meaningful Relationship With God.

Today's topic is:

"Knowing About God" vs "Knowing God"

Did you ever have a person ask you if you knew someone who lived across the street who just sold their house? "Oh yes", you said, "the Johnston family, I think they have a couple of children, but I don't know anything about them or what they did."

You can get the same answer mostly from people coming out of church about God. Some have attended the same church for years and still give the same answer.

And in Matthew, Chapter 8, verse 25, It says,

The disciples had just come with Jesus across the sea and through a great storm. "Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, Lord save us! We are perishing!"

But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?"

Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea. And there was a great calm. And the men marveled, saying, "Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"

At Matthew, Chapter 8, Verse 28, it says,

"When they had come to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way."

And according to ***Luke at Chapter 8, Verse 27,*** ***Jesus met a certain man [and spoke to one of the two men who was] from the city who had***

demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but the tombs.

And according to **Mark, Chapter 5, Verse 2**, *“he was a man with an ‘unclean spirit’, who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains, because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him.*

And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones.

But when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him. And cried out with a loud voice and said, “What have I to do with You, Jesus Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me.”

I’m sure the disciples who traveled with Jesus were a bit surprised when they came upon two men possessed by demons that knew who Jesus was!

[**James 2:19** says, *“You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and tremble.”*]

*For He [**Jesus**] said to him, "Come out of the man, unclean spirit!" Then He asked him, "What is your name?" And he answered, saying, "My name is Legion; for we are many."*

And he begged Him earnestly that he would not send them out of the country.

*In Luke, Chapter 8, Verses 29 - 39, says, For He, [**Jesus**] had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demons into the wilderness*

Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion, because many demons had entered him.

*And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out "into the abyss". [**which is the great "endless" pit in the center of the Earth.**]*

*Now a herd of many swine [**Mark 5:13 says there was about 2000**] was feeding there on the mountain. And they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them.*

Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently

down the steep place into the lake and drowned.

When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country.

Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed.

[Author's Note] Eating pork was against the Jewish law because it could make people sick. It was against the law to raise swine in that area but the men who owned the herd of swine were mad at Jesus for destroying their livestock and their business.

Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him [Jesus] to depart from them for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned.

Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Jesus that he might go with

Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to you own house and tell what great things God has done for you. And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

So what does this have to do with **knowing about God vs knowing God?**

All three gospels that presented this story had the demons recognizing who Jesus was and each knew He was the **'Son Of God'** and had the authority as being part of the Holy Trinity - **Father, Son and Holy Spirit.** They knew these things even when they were in heaven before they chose to follow Satan. Because they were the created angels of God and lived with God, their decision was final. No Salvation! Their punishment will be the same as their leader... **SATAN.**

As new Christians or people who believe there is a God we have the same **'knowledge of God'** they do, but it doesn't help them or us.

As you see, the disciples had been with Jesus for some time and saw His healing and bringing people back to life, but they were still surprised to see the wind and the sea obey Him, and that the demons knew him by name and knew that He

had the authority to send them to their final punishment.

We know about air which can't be seen, but we take it for granted until we can't breath, then we know how valuable it is to our life!

So what is the difference between the **'knowledge of God'** and **'knowing God'**?

The demons have the knowledge of God but they also have an **'unclean spirit'** that lives within them. ***That is the spirit of the Devil.***

And those who truly know God are discovering new things they didn't know about God every day... because they have the **'Holy Spirit Of God'** living in them, instructing them, guiding them. Helping them to understand His Word. Helping them to live His will.

Do you want God's Holy Spirit To Live In You?

Turn your life away from the evil things that exist in this world and ask God for His Holy Spirit to come and live in you. Don't doubt that God sent his son Jesus to take away all of the past sins of your life and give you a new start at an everlasting good life. Don't be ashamed to tell others about God's love for them and thank God every day for all the blessings – seen and unseen he brings to your life.

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I would like you to know how much GOD loves you. He is ready and waiting to help you. You just need to believe that He exists and has created all things and has given His Son Jesus, the good shepherd to bring you back to him.

This is why I put together these pod casts, starting with **The Storyline Of The Bible**, 19 easy understandable pod casts that take you from Genesis, the first book of the bible- to Revelation, the last book of the bible.

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