

“When You Know God, You Grow”

Genesis 21:22–34

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“Knowing about God is crucially important for the living of our lives. As it would be cruel to an Amazonian tribesman to fly him to London, put him down without explanation in Trafalgar Square and leave him, as one who knew nothing of English or England, to fend for himself, so we are cruel to ourselves if we try to live in this world without knowing about the God whose world it is and who runs it. The world becomes a strange, mad, painful place, and life in it a disappointing and unpleasant business, for those who do not know about God. Disregard the study of God, and you sentence yourself to stumble and blunder through life blindfolded, as it were, with no sense of direction, and no understanding of what surrounds you. This way you can waste your life and lose your soul.” (*Knowing God* by J. I. Packer)

“Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me.” (Jeremiah 9:23–24)

“Abraham, my friend.” (Isaiah 41:8)

“I will bless you and make your name great.” (Genesis 12:2)

“Fear not, Abram, I am your shield.” (Genesis 15:1)

“Walk before me, and be blameless.” (Genesis 17:1)

“God Most High.” (Genesis 14:18)

“A God of Seeing.” (Genesis 16:13)

“God Almighty.” (Genesis 17:1)

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:8–10)

“Once you become aware that the main business that you are here for is to know God, most of life’s problems fall into place of their own accord.” (*Knowing God* by J. I. Packer)

