## What is Knowledge According to the Bible?

Da'at (dah-aht)—H1847

Deah (day-ah)—H1844

Madda (mahd-dah)—H4093

Gnosis (no-sis)—G1108

Epignosis (ep-ig'-no-sis)—G1922

## Knowledge helps one to understand God's Torah

(Madda) 2 Chronicles 1:10—Begin at v.7. Solomon prayed for *knowledge* of Torah AND *wisdom* so he might know how to use that knowledge to rule and judge over God's people. *Wisdom* is taking the *knowledge* that you have and knowing what to do with it. How do we know that this knowledge refers to knowledge of Torah?

Deuteronomy 17:14-20

(Da'at) Psalm 94:10—Begin at v.1. The LORD teaches men from his Torah (v. 12).

(Da'at) Psalm 119:66—"Judgement" (ta'am—H2940)—taste

(**Da'at**) **Proverbs 1:4, 7, 22, 29**—Read V.1-7 and 20-33. The first 6 verses tell the purpose of the proverbs.V.4—"Discretion" (mezimma—H4209) is better translated as "counsel". V.7 and 29—What is the fear of the LORD? **Psalm 19:7-9**—The fear of the LORD is synonymous with the Torah of the LORD and obedience to it.

(**Da'at**) **Proverbs 2:5, 6**—If you <u>diligently</u> seek the knowledge of God, you will find it—**Hebrews 11:6**. V.6—**James 1:5** 

(Da'at) Proverbs 8: 9, 10—Read v.8-11. The words of the LORD are plain to those who want to understand.

(**Da'at**) **Proverbs 9:10**—Read v.7-12. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge (1:7) AND wisdom. The fear of the LORD = The knowledge of the Holy One. If the fear of the LORD is synonymous with Torah, and the fear of the LORD is knowledge of the Holy One, then knowledge of the Holy One IS knowledge of Torah.

(Da'at) Proverbs 14:6, 7—V.7—"Foolish" (kesil—H3684)—stupid, one who hates knowledge (Da'at) Proverbs 15:2—This shows how wisdom is using knowledge rightly.

(**Da'at**) **Proverbs 22:12**—"Preserve" (natsar—H5341)—To guard or keep. "The eyes of the LORD"—compare to **Psalm 34:15-16**.

(**Da'at**) **Proverbs 23:12**—Instruction, or correction (musar—H4148) = Knowledge. Compare to **Hebrews** 12:3-11.

(Da'at) Proverbs 29:7—What is pure and undefiled religion before God? James 1:27

(Da'at) Isaiah 11:2—We learn from Proverbs that all of these are connected together, and they are characterize Messiah. How should we walk? 1 John 2:6 and 1 Peter 2:21

(Da'at) Isaiah 11:9—The entire kingdom shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD—Isaiah 2:3

(**Da'at and Madda**) **Daniel 1:4, 17**—Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were all gifted with wisdom AND knowledge.

- (**Da'at**) **Daniel 12:4**—Although this is talking about general knowledge, it is also talking about knowledge of God and Torah.
  - (**Da'at**) **Hosea 4:1, 6**—Read V.1-6. The people are so wicked, they sin openly and don't want to hear any correction—**Isaiah 30:8-11**. V.6—Rejecting knowledge is forgetting the Torah of God.
- (**Da'at**) **Malachi 2:7**—Read V.6-9. Here, knowledge is referred to as the Torah, the way, and the message of the LORD of Hosts.
- (**Gnosis**) **Luke 1:77**—(**Epignosis**) **Romans 10:1-4**. The goal of the Torah is to point people to Messiah so they can be saved.

(Gnosis) Romans 2:20—Knowledge is parallel to truth in the Torah.

(Gnosis) Romans 15:14—Paul is encouraging believers to be filled with ALL knowledge.

(**Epignosis**) **Colossians 1:9, 10**—When you walk in the knowledge of His will, you walk worthy and please Him. You also increase your knowledge of Him.

(**Epignosis**) 1 Timothy 2:4—God desires all mean to be saved AND come to the knowledge of the truth.

(Gnosis) 1 Timothy 6:20—False knowledge can lead people astray from the faith.

(**Epignosis**) **Titus 1:1**—Knowledge of the truth leads to godliness.

**2 Peter 1: (Gnosis) 5, 6, (Epignosis) 8—**Read V.5-9.

(**Epignosis**) **2 Peter 2:20**—You can escape the corruption of the world through the knowledge of the LORD.

(Gnosis) 2 Peter 3:18—Grow in the knowledge of the LORD so you won't be lead away by false teaching.

## Knowledge helps keep one from sinning

(**Da'at**) **Genesis 2:9**—First instance of the word "knowledge" in the Bible; refers to the understanding of righteousness vs. lawlessness.

(Deah) 1 Samuel 2:3—How are we judged? 1 Corinthians 3:11-15

(**Da'at**) **Proverbs 2:10**—Read V.10-16. Knowledge and wisdom can keep you from all different kinds of evil, including false religions.

(Da'at) Proverbs 11:9—"Hypocrite" (chaneph—H2611)—godless, profane, lawless

(Da'at) Proverbs 19:2—What keeps one from sinning? Knowledge of Torah!

(Da'at) Proverbs 19:25 & 21:11—People with wisdom and knowledge learn from other peoples' mistakes.

(Da'at) Isaiah 5:13—Why did Israel go into captivity? They had no knowledge. Connect to V.24.

(Da'at) Isaiah 44:19—People in idolatry do not have the knowledge to understand their actions.

(**Da'at**) **Jeremiah 10:14**—Read V.11-14. People who would worship an idol have no knowledge.

(Da'at) Hosea 6:6—This ties right into 1 Samuel 15:22-23.

(**Epignosis**) **Romans 3:20**—Without Torah, you have no knowledge of what sin is.

(**Epignosis**) **2 Timothy 2:25**—Read V.22-26. God grants people repentance in order for them to come to the knowledge of the truth.