

The Blessing of Knowledge.

Luke 11:39 – 54 Our Key Verse is 52

Knowledge is the single most important thing to the human mind. To be smart in knowledge is a true blessing in life because the more knowledge one has the further in life one can go. People spend so much money on worldly knowledge that they go deep into debt just to gain knowledge. Knowledge can advance a person in money, material things, and yes even worldly power. With profound knowledge people have accomplished so much with inventions, developing cures, solutions, exploring space, and yes even running our world economy. Where would we be without knowledge and people seeking all they can gather. However, what kind of knowledge one has determines how great they are in this world. The Lord said, **Matt. 16:26** *“For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?”* If one has the greatest of worldly knowledge and has no understanding of Jesus Christ, he has nothing. If one exchanges greatness in world and their soul is lost, they will die and go to hell. Jesus was talking about two groups of people here, Pharisees and lawyers, He said of the lawyers *“Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves...”* V. 52 And to the Pharisees and Scribes **Luke 11:43 - 44** *“Woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye love the uppermost seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets. (44) Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are as graves which appear not, and the men that walk over them are not aware of them.”*

The greatest of all knowledge is biblical knowledge, but not just knowledge but Pillar and Ground knowledge, or True Understanding. To be blessed with true biblical knowledge.

Paul spoke of the different knowledges in which he had them all, worldly knowledge, Pharisee knowledge (religionist knowledge) and True Biblical knowledge. In, **Philippians 3:4 - 11** *“Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more: (5) Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; (6) Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. (7) But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. (8) Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, (9) And be*

found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: (10) That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; (11) If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.”

The greatest knowledge is knowing and understanding true salvation. While you may not have the greatest knowledge in the world, you may not create things, you may not explore space, you may never be wealthy in money, you will be rich in the Lord.

A. True knowledge is knowing Jesus and having true salvation.

1. Many false religionists have “taken the knowledge” V. 52 of our text says, “*for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves*” because they have no true knowledge and do not know Jesus, and neither do they have salvation themselves.
2. We saw in our study of Revelations in 2:9b “*...I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.*” Religionist are not Christians, they are satanic and lead souls astray. They take knowledge away for the lie of Satan.
3. We also read in **Luke 11:28** “*But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.*”
4. You can never have the greatest knowledge in the world if you do not have a blessed understanding of the bible.
5. Jesus asked this question, **Luke 6:46-49** “*And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.*”

B. What about worldly knowledge and understanding?

1. Paul told us in, **1 Corinthians 1:18-25** *“For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.”*
2. **Romans 1:20-23** *“For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.”*

C. Biblical knowledge and wisdom are a gift from God.

1. **John 14:26** *“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”*
2. The Psalmist David wrote, **Psalms 119:11 - 12** *“Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. (12) Blessed “art”(added) thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes.”* The word “art” is added, God is not blessed but that we are blessed. Bless me O Lord...
3. Solomon prayed for knowledge and wisdom. **2 Chronicles 1:7-12** *“In that night did God appear unto Solomon, and said unto him, Ask what I shall give thee. And Solomon said unto God, Thou hast shewed great mercy unto David my father; and hast made me to reign in his stead. Now, O LORD God, let thy promise unto David*

my father be established: for thou hast made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude. Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this thy people, that is so great? And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king: Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like.”

D. Conclusion

Worldly knowledge and wisdom are worth nothing if you do not know Jesus Christ as your Saviour, people can gain the whole world and burn in hell for all that knowledge and work. Religionist can have all the false understanding in the world, and lead people into a ditch and hell's flames. True salvation is God's gift and pillar, and ground knowledge is given by the Holy Spirit. And true salvation is only through Jesus Christ.