

Knowing God

When I was first saved, God used the book *Knowing God* by J. I. Packer to stretch my mind about the greatness of God in a way I did not think possible. I learned more practical theology in that book than I ever did in Bible college and seminary. When I finished reading this book, God was greater, more holy, more majestic, more personal, more beautiful to me than I could have ever imagined. There is no more noble pursuit in this life than to know God. Jesus prayed in John 17 that we might know God, who to know is eternal life (17:3).

I have begun reading it again this year and have been amazed at how much I forgot from the book and how much the book still moves my soul. We were made to know God and through his grace that saves us, we are able to embark on a pilgrimage in life of getting to know him. What do you enjoy getting to know? Perhaps it is the stats of your favorite ball player. Or maybe it is performance of your new car. It might even be the performance record of your investments? They will all burn. When life is over, none of it will matter, but to know God, well, that is life eternal.

God is a personal God and he does desire intimacy with us. He loves us and he knows us intimately. He enjoys knowing us and would enjoy very much if we began to get to know him better. He always has time, always wants to talk, and enjoys hearing our burdens. What a friend!

If you have never read the book *Knowing God*, I encourage you to do so. It is a compendium of discourses on the various attributes of God and how they apply to daily living.

Soli Deo glori.