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### ***Session 4 - The Seven Expressions of the Holy Spirit (Spirit of Knowledge)***

#### **I. The Spirit of Knowledge - Isaiah 11:2**

##### **A. The Spirit of Knowledge Defined**

The Hebrew word for “knowledge” in Isaiah 11:2 is *da’at*. It is a noun that comes from the verb *yada*, meaning to know, which implies a deep, intimate, and experiential understanding, rather than just intellectual recognition. It is the second-to-last “spirit” listed in the verse (“spirit of knowledge”), highlighting it as a crucial aspect of godly understanding and wisdom.

In the Western world and also in the English language in particular, we have done ourselves a disservice, when it comes to knowing God. Somehow, through the course of history, we took God’s concepts and watered them down to a humanistic intellectual way of thinking, and by so doing, we robbed ourselves of their power.

But God is still the same, and if we go back and study His Word the way He wrote it; not applying our Western traditions to it, but reading it for what it actually says, we can get back the power that He originally intended for us to have. This is what we have learned all through this study in what God intended for us to have and experience in our lives through the seven expressions of the Holy Spirit within us. And if we learn the difference between knowledge (the way we think of it in English) and God’s revelation, we can get so much of God’s power back.

In Hebrew, “to know” doesn’t mean to have a particular piece of knowledge in your head. Instead, it means to have an intimate, experiential, life-changing knowledge. It is this kind of knowledge we read about in Genesis 4:1.

***Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, “I have acquired a man from the Lord.” Genesis 4:1***

This kind of “knowledge” is for sure by intimate experience, and that kind of knowledge is the only concept of knowledge that exists in God’s vocabulary. In other words, “head knowledge only” doesn’t exist. Real knowledge, what the Holy Spirit of knowledge gives us is intimacy with the Lord. It is knowledge that is life-changing, experiential knowledge that changes our lives forever.

Remember what Isaiah 11:1-2 says,

***There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse,  
And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. The Spirit  
of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom  
and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might,  
The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.***

In this passage, the Lord identifies the sevenfold Holy Spirit for us, and tells us that one of His names is “the Spirit of Knowledge.” So, in the same way that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Yahweh who keeps covenant with us and wants to be known by His first name....

...the same way He is the Spirit of counsel who will advise us, instruct us, and guide us, and the same way that He is the Spirit of might who will fight on our side....

...the Holy Spirit of knowledge - of intimate knowledge, the real kind of knowledge, not just “head knowledge,” wants to give us life-changing, radically-transforming revelation. He is the Spirit of Revelation.

That’s why we cry out and ask Him for truth. It’s found in the prayer of Paul we pray and sing into over and over again. “Father, we ask that you would give us wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of who you are in us and who we are in you!” And, He answers that prayer with fresh revelation, as many times as we continue to ask.

The Greek word for knowledge in Ephesians 1:17 is *epignosis*, translated often as “full knowledge, precise knowledge, or experiential knowledge,” signifying a deep, relational, and thorough understanding of God rather than mere intellectual facts. Paul prays for a “spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge (*epignosis*) of Him,” desiring for believers to have personal, intimate insight into God’s work and character. This term implies a “contact-knowledge” that comes from a first-hand relationship.

***That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of  
glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation  
in the knowledge (epignosis) of Him. Ephesians 1:17***

One of the functions of the seven Spirits of God is an ability to know God like we’ve never known Him before. It’s also an ability to see from His perspective. It’s a view of the Holy Spirit many may not have, but long to know in the way Paul is instructing in this verse. So, we do as Paul said, and we pray and ask using this prayer.

Have you ever been around someone who's talking about the things of God and you are so stirred in your heart, you find yourself saying, "I want to know God like that." I have found myself praying, "Lord, draw me like a magnet to yourself, stir up the desire in my heart to know you more, set my heart on fire for you in Jesus' mighty name." He will answer that kind of prayer that is longing for Him and to know Him at a deeper level. This is not a one time prayer of seeking Him. It's a daily ongoing prayer from the depths of our heart.

## **II. Perceiving Truth**

Godly knowledge comes through revelation by the Holy Spirit and not just through reading books or studying about Him. There is a big difference in knowing about someone or actually personally knowing them. The principle is the same when we flow in the realm of the Spirit of Knowledge. It is a divine knowledge - a supernatural ability to know Him as He reveals Himself to us.

As we meet with Him, the Spirit of Knowledge imparts divine revelation of the deep things of God. We find this longing in SS 2:14 and Psalms 42:1,7-8, 11b.

***"O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the cliff, let me see your face, let me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely." SS 2:14***

It is when we begin to move into the cleft of the rock and not just around the rock, Jesus, it is the desire that begins to stir in us what the Shulamite says when she begins to long to "see" His face, and "hear" His voice. Nothing else will do.

***1 As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God....7 Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfalls; All Your waves and billows have gone over me....8 The Lord will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, And in the night His song shall be with me—A prayer to the God of my life. 11b...Hope in God; for I shall yet praise Him, the help of my countenance and my God. Ps. 42:1,7-8,11b***

With this knowledge, we can see from God's perspective on daily basis. Here is the place we begin to know Him and His ways. It is a place of deep calling to deep and actually receiving the deep things of God. As the Spirit of Knowledge begins to flow like a river through our lives, it will powerfully, profoundly, and forever change our lives. We will never be the same again.

The Palmist here has been in a place of troubles and trials, feeling so alone and yet in this place hope rises up within him. He begins to go from talking to God and talking to himself. He tells himself to hope in God. He is choosing to enter into that place of worship and praise. Our ultimate course of action in any times of distress is to HOPE to the end, no matter how bleak the outcome appears to be in that moment.

When the Spirit of Knowledge is released to the church, His precepts and His perspectives are revealed within us. We keep asking to have eyes to see and ears to hear. As we allow the Holy Spirit to be released within us and fill every part of us with all His seven expressions, we will begin to see as He sees, hear as He hears and come into the mind and heart of Jesus.

Jesus words in John 17:15, he prayed that His followers wouldn't be taken out of the world, but that as we are in the world, we can rejoice and be overcomers. Jesus said, "Because I have overcome, they can be overcomers too." He promised in John 16:33, that we can have peace in the world and overcome during times of tribulation.

***"I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one."***

***John 17:15***

***"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."***

***John 16:33***

The Lord in this hour wants to raise up a people who live as overcomers daily, not just once in a while or every week or so or during meetings, but on a day by day basis. The Holy Spirit magnifies God to us. The Spirit of Knowledge allows us to see how vast He is and how mightily He can move in and through us. Nothing is too great for God. Just as scripture says in Daniel 11:32b....

***32...the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits. Daniel 11:32b***

Ask the Holy Spirit to come and rest upon you. Seek to know Him like you never have before. He will answer our cry and has been answering as we have been seeking Him. We have asked to be transformed from glory to glory to glory. He has placed within us the longing to know Him more. He has provided for us the what, how, and why, we just need to enter into agreement with Him and what He's already spoken through His Word.

### III. Partnering With God Through His Word

There's nothing wrong with confessing and praying the scriptures. That's part of our spiritual battle. The weapons of our warfare is what we put on to enter into prayer. Prayer is the battle itself. It's not in words alone that bring us into that union with Him we so desire, it's He who lives in us that brings us there. We are coming into agreement with what He has already said. He hears and answers our prayers that are aligned with His will. Here are some examples....

***2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature... II Peter 1:2-4a***

The Lord is always doing the above and beyond, (great and precious promises). It's your experiences in your Christian walk that bring you into a union with Jesus, His stature and His nature. It's not in words alone, but in our faith to believe as we continue to seek Him. Remember to seek the knowledge of Him, so you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you.

***8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death. Philippians 3:8-10***

Paul's knowledge of Christ involves not merely an intellectual apprehension, but rather an experiential knowledge resulting from his personal communion with Christ. Compared to the life he now has of knowing Him, his former manner of life is nothing but rubbish, refuse, fit only to be thrown to the dogs. What an incredible statement to make. His identity wasn't in any of his earthly achievements, but in Jesus alone. That is where we must find our true identity.

He shares in another passage that the knowledge he received did not come from flesh and blood, but from the revelation of Jesus Christ.

***11 But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. 12 For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. 13 For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. 14 And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. 15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, 16 to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, 17 nor did I go to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia and returned to Damascus. Galatians 1:11-17***

Paul's gospel came neither from tradition or instruction, but from God through divine revelation. Only divine intervention could suddenly change Paul from being zealous for the traditions of his people to being zealous for the good news of the gospel. He withdrew to Arabia where God revealed to him the substance of the gospel. Paul was appointed for the work of the gospel from his birth. His own experience led him to pray these prayers and teach these principles.

***17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. Ephesians 1:17***

***9 For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. Colossians 1:9***

***2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. Romans 12:2***

Paul prayed for every believer to fully attain to and be controlled by the fullest and clearest knowledge (*epignosis*) of the will of God. World, meaning "age," refers to a godless system. We are not to accept the pattern of an age whose god is the Devil, but we are to be transformed by a renewed mind committed to the ideals of the kingdom of God; to prove by practice in everyday life, that God's will for us is good and acceptable and perfect.

#### IV. Grace and Peace

Head knowledge puffs up, but the Spirit of Knowledge releases grace that will release the fruit of humility; all of Him and none of me. It forms a union of Spirit to spirit, heart to heart, and deep to deep. We then actually become partakers of His divine nature, to a place of divine union in the inner man. This is the place where we receive pure knowledge of the Lord that will nurture us in the Word. It will empower us to walk everyday with a pure heart. We will grow in the stature of Christ who is our hope of glory.

***2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge (epignosis) of Him who called us by glory and virtue. II Peter 1:2-3***

By His divine power, we become partakers of His divine nature, the stature of Christ in us, but it can only happen in the knowledge (*epignosis*) of Him. Again, it is not head knowledge. It is what the Spirit of knowledge releases to bring us into that deep to deep embrace of the Spirit that wrecks us, transforms us, and imparts to us the mind of Christ.

Throughout this letter, knowledge is an important term. The strengthened form of the Greek word *epignosis* indicates religious or moral insight, as used in the NT. For other uses of “knowledge” the Greek word *gnosis*; are frequent references in his letter, Peter is warning against a form of Gnosticism, a religious philosophy, which stressed knowledge as the way to God. Peter’s message is that true knowledge *epignosis* is found in the God of Christ and the Scriptures.

The Holy Spirit wants us to see the weightier things of God deeply rooted and always expanding through the Spirit of knowledge. It is not our ability to obtain this knowledge, but it is taught to us by the Revealer. Looking again at this passage Paul wrote in Ephesians 3:18-19 in the AMPC version.

***18 That you may have the power and be strong to apprehend and grasp with all the saints [God’s devoted people, the experience of that love] what is the breadth and length and height and depth [of it]; 19 [That you may really come] to know [practically, through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be filled [through all your being unto all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself!]] Ephesians 3:18-19 AMPC***

Apprehend here means to receive experientially, not simply to understand intellectually. To know the love of Christ is the essence of the greatest fullness. All the fullness of God speaks of more than one experience or one aspect of His truth or power. It points to a much broader based spirituality, balanced through participating in all of God's blessings, resources, and wisdom.

The Holy Spirit takes a deep dive into the treasure chest of God's wisdom to reveal Himself to us that our lives will be filled with all the fullness of Him. This releases the demonstration of the Kingdom, not in words only, but in the demonstration and testimony of the Spirit.

We will be able to bring an awareness of His knowledge of His presence to others. What He deposits within us, will flow forth from us out of the deep well of the rivers of God within us.

***37 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." 39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. John 7:37-39***

Jesus proclaims that whoever believes in Him will have "rivers of living water" flow from their "belly," inner being/heart, referring to the Holy Spirit that believers would receive. This metaphor signifies internal spiritual refreshment, empowerment, and abundance that flows out to others. This is a promise of spiritual fulfillment for those who are thirsty and come to Him. The Spirit of knowledge is one of the rivers that flows forth out of us, as believers, bringing spiritual vitality and fulfillment within us and through us to bless others.

Our next session will be on the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord including a summary of the 7-Fold expressions of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of knowledge releases to us the revelation of how vitally important it is for every believer to embrace and walk in "the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord."