

The Knowledge of the Holy

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.
– Proverbs 9:10 –

Most of us are average folk. We may achieve some level of success in this world, very little, or none at all. We are not the movers and shakers of our time, though, right? It is quite likely that none of us boast massive wealth, power, or fame. We live day-to-day on modest means and are satisfied by simple things. The world scorns our contentment, and the influential and powerful, if they even know us or acknowledge us, disdain or pity the plight of our commonness. While most of us have a high school education, and some even college and secondary or post-secondary degrees, they nonetheless see us as dull, dim, and unenlightened. We do not focus our time, talent, or ability on temporal things, and this seems so wasteful to the intelligentsia of our time.

We must come to realize, however, that this is all an illusion. For there is none wiser or more understanding than the believer. When we were converted to Christ, we received His Spirit, and also His mind (1 Cor. 2.16). This knowledge of the Holy is understanding. We live on a different level, tuned to another channel. The simplest mind that knows his God has a perspective that cannot be purchased by all the money in the world, and cannot be persuaded by promises of power, influence, or prestige. We see things in this life for what they are and not what they appear to be. We may not be able to answer every hard question, but the most important ones we have firmly grasped and conquered. We possess a knowledge so powerful that it quells the heart in the most tempestuous of times and vanquishes entirely the king of terrors.

But there is even more dimension and hue to this amazing knowledge of the Holy to which we are granted access. The believer that walks with his Lord is in a continuous state of growth. Our God and His holiness are infinite, and we are learning more about Him on an ongoing basis. The path of the just shines more and more unto the perfect day. As we grow spiritually, it is inevitable that the “under the hood” workings of this world are exposed to us. This world and its attractions begin to lose their grip upon us. We can appreciate the most pristine enjoyments of this temporal life because they came from the hand of our benevolent Master, not from the cesspool of the devil’s cursed storehouses. But even the purest of earthly pleasures pale in comparison to the joy that is coming in the morning.

Take heart, believer. Knowing Christ means you possess the knowledge of the Holy. This world is fast perishing. Our King is coming. Until then, continue to grow in grace and in the knowledge of your risen Lord. --- D. Murcek