



The Kingdom Perspective

The People Who Know Their God

Hello. This is Pastor Don Willeman of Christ Redeemer Church. Welcome to The Kingdom Perspective.

Knowledge precedes action. Our beliefs drive our behavior. What we know to be true works itself out in what we do.

The Old Testament prophet Daniel tells us that in confronting forces of evil “the people who **know** their God will display strength and take action” (Daniel 11:23, emphasis added). This is precisely what is played out in the book of Daniel. When Daniel’s friends—Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego—were asked to bow down in worship to a false god, they refused to give in. Why? The answer is simple: they knew the true God. Their belief drove their behavior. What they knew to be true drove what they chose to do. Knowing the true God gave them the courage to go against the cultural pressure of their day. It allowed them to do what was right and leave the consequences with God. The fact that they really knew God pushed them to courageous action.

Now, many observers of the church today lament its impotence. Why is the church so weak? Well, arguably the church’s impotence stems from its lack of engagement with God—its ignorance of the Almighty.

Now, what a boost it would be to the church today if it were revived in its knowledge of God! What courage it would bring in our fight to see the gospel flourish in every area of our lives and every sector of our society. How it would motivate us to take the gospel to our friends and neighbors, and even to the ends of the earth!

What the church needs today is what it needs in every era, that is to truly know God.

Are you seeking to know Him? Are you seeking to know Him...today?

Something to think about from The Kingdom Perspective.

“And by smooth words he will turn to godlessness those who act wickedly toward the covenant, but the people who know their God will be strong and take action.”

~ **Daniel 11:32 (NASB)**

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