

KNOWING GOD  
(Hosea 4:1-6; 5:4; 6:6)

God's Case Is Against a Religious But Spiritually Bankrupt People - Hos 6:6; 8:2-4

- The evidence: Immorality is rampant - 4:1-6; 10:1-2
- They have rejected the knowledge given to them - 4:6; Jo 1:1--11; Ro 1:18-23

Revelation: The Self-Disclosure Of God

- The content of revelation is the nature of God - Jo 17:3
  - ...the knowledge of God is beyond human comprehension - I Cor 1:21; 2:14
  - ...the knowledge of God must be received as a gift
- The purpose of revelation...
  - ...to lift us up and out of our predicament
  - ...to know the one and only True God

The Only Way to Receive the Revelation of God Is By Faith - Heb 11:1,6

- Revelation is to be believed and received, not achieved
  - ...knowing is preceded by believing - Jo 6:6-9
  - ...the primary hindrance to knowing God is unbelief
- Our faith is not merely in propositions, = "I believe that", but in a Person = "I believe You"
  - ...faith is a living relationship with a Person
- Faith calls for humility - Is 66:1-2; 57:15
  - ...to ascend the hill of knowing God, will must go low
  - ...God reveals Himself to the seeking heart - Jer 29:13; Heb 11:6
- Revelation's invitation is to trust and obey
  - ...We trust Who He is by obeying what He says to us
  - ...Trust and obedience liberate us to see Who He is