**WHAT DEMONS “KNOW”**

**(Luke 4:40-41)**

**Introduction:**

I. Jesus declared, ***“If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.*** ***And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."*** (John 8:31-32). Jesus affirmed that which many today deny. We can KNOW the truth.

A. (1Tim. 2:4) ***“who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”***

B. How sad it is that there are millions who do not desire, or are ignorant of, the truth and of God.

 II. (Rom. 1:20-21)

III. Of those who believed in God, we read in (Rom. 10:3), ***“For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.”*** They were zealous of God, but it was not according to knowledge, (vs.2).

A. It was also written, (2Tim. 4:3-4)

IV. Thus, many reject the very truth that can save them. And the same truth will judge and condemn them on the last day. How sad it will be for many because they should have known, but rejected, the truth – truth even the demons know! And what truths do demons know? Take note of the following four:

**Discussion:**

 **I. Demons “Know” That There Is One True God!**

A. ***“You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe--and tremble!”*** (James 2:19). Yes, demons “believe and tremble,” something that many today do not do.

1. Some are atheists, (but I wonder how many believe in demons?); some believe in “Allah” or some other deity; and some profess to know God, but they deny Him, as it is written, ***“They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.”*** (Titus 1:16). And it is certain that they do not tremble; they are not afraid.

2. “Knowing” God is one thing, “obeying” Him is another, altogether different thing!

B. (2Thes. 1:7-9) ***“And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,*** ***In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power.”***

1. It is no wonder the demons tremble… (2Cor. 5:11)

2. Do you “know” and believe God?

 **II. Demons “Know” That Jesus Is the Christ! (Luke 4:41; 4:33-34)**

A. Yes, demons “know” Jesus is the Christ, but many people today do not. Many believe in other gods; some believe in Buddha, others follow Mohammad, or some other well-known man; but they do not believe that Jesus is the Christ.

B. It is written, (Acts 4:12) ***“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”*** Salvation is in no other.

 1. Jesus said, ***“if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.”*** (John 8:24)

C. Like the demons, many today claim to “know” Him, yet, they continue to deny Him

1. (Mat 7:22-23)

 **III. Demons “Know” True Apostles!**

A. (Acts 19:13-15) READ ***“…. And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?***

B. Yes, they “knew” the true servant of Christ. But many people today do not.

 1. Some are willing to accept, without investigation, whatever a man says.

 2. Some are willing, also, without investigation what an organization says.

C. This was not the case with some of the early Christians. (Rev. 2:2) ***I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars;”***

D. How many of the men who claim to be “apostles” perform miracles of an apostle, or preach the same Gospel that the apostles preached? **None of them!**

1. (2Cor. 12:12) ***“Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.”***

 E. (Gal. 1:8) Read

1. So, many today are being deceived and led straight to Hell. Do you know how to recognize a true servant of God?

 **IV. Demons “Know” Their Destruction Is Coming!**

A. ***“And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?"*** (Mat. 8:29) The demons spoke of the time of judgment and eternal torment.

1. (Mat. 25:41) ***“Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:”***

B. Hell is a prepared place, and the demons **know** it. Yet many today, even some who claim to be members of the church of Christ, deny it.

 1. If not Hell, then what was Jesus teaching in (Mark 9:42-48)

2. And what did Jesus mean when He spoke of “everlasting punishment”? How can there be “punishment” unless the one being punished remembers why he is being punished?

 **Conclusion:**

**I. “True” Christians KNOW what the demons know, and armed with knowledge, they prepare for the Great Day that is coming.**

**II. What about you? (2Pet. 3:17-18)**

**III. ARE YOU READY?**