

14 times in this comparatively short book. In chapter 6 verse 3 we read, "Then shall we know if we follow on to know the Lord." You cannot ~~see~~ follow on to know the Lord unless you start, you cannot be a Christian unless you have first put simple trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for your salvation, but God does not want anyone to stop there. He wants us to follow on to know Him, Now you know-~~there is~~ notice it doesn't say Then shall if we follow on to know about the Lord. If says if we follow on to know the Lord. It is very different to know about the Lord than to know the Lord. Those who know a great deal of theology. Those who can understand the intricacies of the teaching of Christianity ~~wh~~ but to whom it is simply like a mathematics table. It's a group of facts with which they are familiar with but they don't really know it. You may read about Winston Churchill. You may read about his history, about the details of his life. You may be able to describe situation after situation of his life, but if you have never met him, if you have never talked with him, if you have never learned personally or had contact with him, you may know a great deal about him, but you would be tremendously surprised if you got to know him personally, how different he would be in many, many ways from what you would think. And Hosea is the great book of knowledge, that we should learn to know the Lord but it is not just to know about the Lord, it is to know him personally, to follow on, to know the Lord. We know very ~~mus~~ much about Him, we know Him in a very real way, if we accept Him as Saviour, yes, but ~~we~~ you do not really know Him until you go on and learn in your daily walk, in your daily experience to know Him, as your friend, your guide, your ~~cond~~-confidence, to know Him as the one who ~~k~~ holds all the world in the hollow of His hand, who controls the future, the one who directs all things, and the one who is personally interested in every detail of the life of those who are saved through His ~~preciseu~~ precious blood. We can go on all through our life learning to know Him better, We should follow on, as Hosea said, to ~~he~~ know the Lord. Now, moving back further toward the beginning of the book, this fourth chapter we find in verse 6 "My people are