

troops and held back the German forces, and how the British people got out and worked so hard and brought those people back, and she said, I haven't found a single mention of God's goodness in protecting them and in causing the fog to be there and causing the water to be smooth and making it possible to do what would rarely be possible to do there. Oh at the time the people praised God for the deliverance, but 15 yrs. later it was the wonderful British air force and it was the great hard work of the people that went over and took all these boats and managed to bring them back. And how ~~ready~~ ready we are to forget what God has done for us, and to attribute it to our own work, to our own effectiveness, to what we accomplish ourselves. The ignorance of the facts about God. We ~~need~~ need the facts, we need to see our ~~situation~~ ^{situation}, but we need to see what God is doing and we need to praise Him for it. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."

Now so much for the dearth of knowledge. Now let's look on to the second -- Divine knowledge. Now this term is easily misunderstood, because in English when we say, divine knowledge we are apt to think that we mean a certain kind of knowledge, or that we mean knowledge about divine things. But the term can equally well be used, if you say, human knowledge, nobody ~~will~~ ^{will} think that you mean that knowledge about humanity and its life and conditions. They'll think you mean "what people know". And I'm here using divine knowledge in a similar sense -- the facts about what God knows are facts that we are apt to overlook even as and that those people did at that time. Now here we read in ~~Hos. 13:5-6~~ Hos. 13:5-6: (reading text). God knew their situation. He took an interest in them, but they forgot Him. They turned away from Him. We might seem to have a contradiction to this in Hos. 8:4: (reading text). How can they do something that God does not know? It is very clear here that the term is being used in a slightly different sense. They set up kings, they set up officials, they did important things without seeking divine knowledge, without seeking to know ~~what~~ what God desired under the circumstances. They did not seek His will and His wisdom at every point. In ch. 5:3 there would seem to be a contradiction again to this verse. 5:3 says "I know Ephraim and Israel is not hid from me. . . ." The universal knowledge of God is something that it is easy for us to forget and to overlook. If you were in the presence of someone of whom you ~~thought~~ ^{thought} very highly; if you were in the presence of an important person who was to make a decision about something important regarding your future, you