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100 yrs. of life now, 100 additional yrs. and I could do anything I wanted to in those years, wouldn't it be wonderful to take a language and just take two or three years just learning to know that language thoroughly, to understand it well, to speak it well, then take 2 or 3 yrs. on another, and another, and another, and do that through 100 yrs! I think that some people would think that was utter torture. To me that would be great pleasure. But that is not what God wants us to do. He wants us to get knowledge for the purpose of using it for His glory. He wants us to get knowledge, and we cannot get too much knowledge of the Bible. He wants us to get all we can, but we could spend all our lives getting intellectual knowledge and not use. We want to arrange so that in our life we get knowledge that we can use and that we use it that our lives may accomplish much for Him. He wants us to get worthwhile knowledge. He wants us to spend time and effort getting it, learning how to understand these Heb. words and these Gk. words. To know the implications of, to know the syntax, to know exactly what He teaches. To gather together the different parts of Scripture and see what it says. Learning to know the power of His resurrection. so that this power may go in us and through us for His glory. Learning to know the fellowship of His sufferings and to be made conformable to His death. Learning to know Him the only true God and Jesus ~~Christ~~ Christ whom He has sent. Let us pray.

O God our Father we thank you for Hosea, for his insight into the importance of this aspect of the Christian life and truth. We thank you that he pointed out so clearly the dearth of knowledge and what it means. O our God help us never to be destroyed through lack of knowledge. We see the death in each one of us. We see the death in our nation. We must do what we can to remedy it. We see the dearth in our own lives. O our God help us to realize as Hosea did ^{the fact of} ~~that-back-up~~ the Divine knowledge; that God is always here and always knows what we are doing; He sees every aspect and is interested and cares for us in it all. And O our God help us to realize the deepening aspect of Knowledge, to follow on to know the Lord that we may more & more know Him. To follow on to understand the Word better. To follow on to know the power of His resurrection. To follow on to know the fellowship of His sufferings as He desires that we should learn them. Help us to be made conformable to His death that we may truly know God and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. Amen.