

## Three Levels of Knowing God

### John 9

#### LEVEL 1: "A man called Jesus..." (John 9:11)

"He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of [d] Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight."

"اجاب ذاك وقال .انسان يقال له يسوع صنع طينا وطفى عيني وقال لي اذهب الى بركة سلوام واغتسل .فمضيت واغتسلت فابصرت."

- ❖ Know about His life as a story like any other story
- ❖ No life of worship
- ❖ Do not feel a need for Him
- ❖ Not believing that He can make a difference
- ❖ No feeling of His presence
- ❖ No experience of joy or peace
- ❖ Inability to recognize the time when He visits
- ❖ No preparation for the day of His Coming
- ❖ No love for Him or His kingdom

#### LEVEL 2: "He is a prophet" (John 9:17)

They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

"قالوا ايضا للاعمى ماذا تقول انت عنه من حيث انه فتح عينيك .فقال انه نبي ."

- ❖ Incomplete or distorted knowledge about Him
- ❖ He is the miracle doer
- ❖ Relationship is based on what He can provide for me
- ❖ Easily stumbling at the time of tribulation
- ❖ No will to carry the cross
- ❖ Worship with no spirit
- ❖ No change in life
- ❖ No experience of peace or joy

#### LEVEL 3: "Do you believe in the Son of God?" (John 9:35-38)

"Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you." Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him."

"فسمع يسوع انهم اخرجوه خارجا فوجده وقال له ائتؤمن بابن الله . اجاب ذاك وقال من هو يا سيد لأؤمن به . فقال له يسوع قد رأيته والذي يتكلم معك هو هو . فقال أؤمن يا سيد .وسجد له."

- ❖ Know Him through personal experience
- ❖ The belief is manifested in his deeds
- ❖ Welcoming sacrifices for the sake of His name
- ❖ Worship in the spirit with joy
- ❖ Enjoying the abundant life granted to us in His name
- ❖ Recognize His work in life and understand its wisdom
- ❖ Love of God and men is clearly presented
- ❖ A life of repentance is lived