**SUNDAY LIGHT SERVICE (11/02/2024)**

Watchman Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement, CANADA

**Topic:** **LEARNING AND COMING TO KNOWLEDGE**

**Text: Phil 4:9-11; 2 Tim 3:13-15, 6, 7; Heb. 5:12-14**

**Introduction**: To be a people that ‘Stand on the Rock’ that never fails, as we saw last week, we must be those that can ‘Learn and Come to Knowledge’. Learning can be defined as the acquisition of knowledge or skills through experience, study, or tutelage. Educational psychologists define Learning as a ‘change in behavior’. One is said to have learned when one can demonstrate through action or behavior change that one has understood, accepted, and imbibed a concept. This is what the scripture refers to as “Learning and Coming to Knowledge” (cp. 2 Tim 3:7).

We’d better appreciate what the Lord has for us in the message as we look at it from these 2 viewpoints:

**1) The Necessity of Learning and Coming to Knowledge**

It is a necessity as well as God’s will that one who has been undergoing a learning process, by way of passing through some instruction, teaching, studies, experience, as is regularly the case when we come to church, should at some point, come to an appreciable knowledge. When that is the case, the person is said to have learned (Phil 4:9-11; 2 Tim 3:13-15). A situation where anyone appears to be ever learning but never able to come to knowledge is unfortunate, unacceptable, and reprehensible (cp. 2 Tim 3:5-7; Heb. 5:12-14).

It is imperative therefore that we come to truly know the God we purport to be serving (cp. 1 Chr. 28:9; 2 Tim 1:12). It is when we thus know Him that we can truly love, implicitly obey, and acceptably serve Him (cp. Deut. 6:4-7; Jer. 11:7; Heb. 12:28, 29). It is worthless to claim to be serving God without truly knowing Him, His word, will, ways and the objects of His pleasure (cp. Act 17:22,23; Jn. 4:22-24). Note that no one who remains a sinner can rightly claim to know God, as knowledge of God is knowledge of the holy (cp. I Jn. 3:5-10; Pro 9:10). Another essential aspect of knowledge required of us, as we keep learning, is that of the truth (cp. Jn. 8:32; 17:17).

Remaining ignorant of God and His truth, while ever learning, is a sure way to destruction (cp. Hos 4:6; Rm 2:8, 9; 2 Thes. 1:7-9). In the interim, they are destroyed as they easily fall prey to the antics and oppressive maneuvers of the enemy (cp. Hos 4:6; Jn. 8:32). In eternity, it will be horrible (Rm 2:8, 9; 2 Thes. 1:7-9).

**2) The Necessary Steps to Learning and Coming to Knowledge (2 Tim 3:6, 7)**

1. Receiving the truth of God’s word as such, and with all readiness of mind. This will include receiving it prayerfully and faithfully (cp. 1 Thes. 2:13; Acts 17:11; Deut. 4:5-7; 6:4-9; Jos 1:8)
2. Readily meditating on, assimilating and believing it (Acts 17:11; 1 Tim 4:13-16)
3. Resolved for continuity (Hos 6:3; Jas 1:25)
4. Resolute in living by it (Jos 1:9; Jas 1:21-25)

Taking the above steps, among others, which means following on to know (Hos 6:3), we will certainly begin to show proofs of knowing (cons. Jn. 8:32; Dan 11:32).

Let us pray!