

WORLD WAR

MORE – Session 2 – 2Peter 1:3-5

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2 **Peter 1:3-5** "His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴ by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. ⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge

"Art Imitates Life" ...

The Blockbuster Movie FAB 4:

1. **STRUGGLE/CONFLICT** (long oppressive war setting)
2. A Quest for a **FUTURE & PEACE**
3. Close Calls & Narrow **ESCAPES**
4. Some **MYSTERIOUS POWER** to tap into

1Peter 1:3-5 ...the REAL LIFE that Art is Imitating!!

- v. 3 ...**There's some kind of "Divine Power"** ...that can grant you ALL THINGS related to Life & Godliness!
- v. 4... **There are "Precious Promises"** ...guarantees of a particular future!! ...a Hope Beyond Our Pain & Struggles!
- v. 4 ...**There is something of actually "Partaking of the Divine Nature"!!**
- v. 4 ...**There is some kind of "Dramatic Escape from the Corruption in this World"!**

.... We're all after a connection with Divine Power and we want a Promising Future and we want to Escape from the stuff of life that threatens us!!

In this passage there is something that is Fundamentally Going to Allow us to "Tap Into" This Power and These Promises and a Future that Escapes the Darkness in Our World.

...it is in v. 3 ...it is "through the KNOWLEDGE of HIM"

- 2 **Peter 1:2** May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.
- 2 **Peter 2:20** "...they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"
- 2 **Peter 3:18** But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

From start to finish—Peter associates our ability to Escape Corruption and Dwell in a Life of Promise with "THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM"!!

The Real Life Drama of "World War K"

...there has ALWAYS Been a Massive War Over Knowledge

- The Original Episode – Genesis 3:1-7

Gen 2:16-17 ...Among the Very First Things God Revealed to Man

"knowledge is power" (? Sir Francis Bacon – 1597)

"Knowledge is power and it can command obedience. A man of knowledge during his lifetime can make people obey and follow him and he is praised and venerated after his death. Remember that knowledge is a ruler and wealth is its subject." — Imam Ali, Nahj Al-Balagha, Saying 146 (~600AD)

"...knowledge is power, knowledge is safety, knowledge is happiness." Thomas Jefferson – 1817

- **Satan's Target of Choice**... Tempting man with "Knowledge" —FACT: Knowledge is TEMPTING!!

...Fundamental to Our Existence as Creatures is KNOWLEDGE!—We live a particular life because we know particular things!

...What did Satan know about this? What was his strategy?

...what did this "knowledge" look and feel like from a distance? ...

Gen 3:6 "So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate."

...To be tempted with Knowledge, you have to see something you WANT in that knowledge!!

>> **"GOOD FOR FOOD"**... it appears to offer an answer to inner hunger;

>> **"DELIGHT To The EYES"** ... it's packaging is appealing; it has built in attraction, not repulsion

>> **"DESIRABLE to MAKE ONE WISE"** ... *knowledge is the POWER to impress or gain attention!!*

Episode after Episode in the drama of **"WORLD WAR K"**

- **The Jeremiah Episode—Jer 9:23-24**

Jer 9:23-24 Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, 24 but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord."

- **Knowledge makes you a "specialist" in something that you hope will further your life!** ...In this passage, the future (the promise of good) comes in 3 basic flavors—
 ...'Wisdom'? ... 'Might'? ... 'Riches'?

Jer 9:12-14 Who is the man so wise that he can understand this? To whom has the mouth of the Lord spoken, that he may declare it? Why is the land ruined and laid waste like a wilderness, so that no one passes through? 13 And the Lord says: "Because they have forsaken my law that I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice or walked in accord with it, 14 but have stubbornly followed their own hearts and have gone after the Baals, as their fathers taught them.

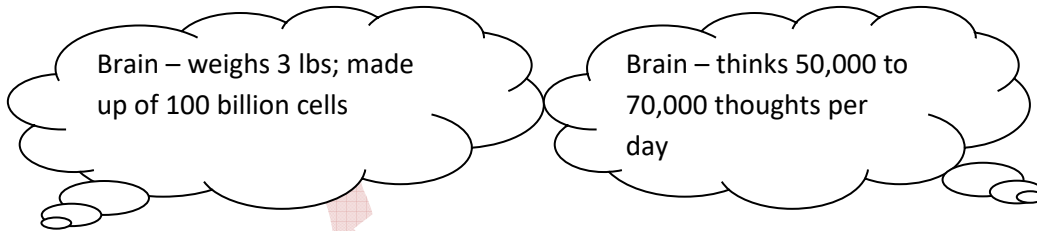
- Why this "Zombie Apocalypse"?—Why is there such spiritual devastation in the land? Where did this originate?? ...v. 13-14—They Have FORSAKEN Knowing God (Jer 9:24)

- **The John Episode—1Jn 2; Jn 17:3**

1 John 2:15-17 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world. 17 And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

John 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

Why tempt with "knowledge"?—Why World War K? (Why a War Over Knowledge?)...Quite simply because we live out of what we know!



...In a very real way, you are "assembling the data materials that build your Mind/Heart". You are building the thought highways that will guide and direct your decisions, your internal compass, your dashboard warning lights, your sense of reward!

...when Gen 3 is put under a microscope, we will see man ABANDON one set of knowledge and gamble on another set of Knowledge—a knowledge He Couldn't Manage!

- **Your Episode of World War K**

- ***Over-access to knowledge ...Never-ending knowledge ...Endless-Caves of Knowledge!***

- Today, you are spending your Limited Knowledge Capacity

- Social Media, Snapchat, Texting, YouTube ...consuming the knowledge of anyone & everyone!
 - Newsfeeds ...making you 'wise' in your areas of specialty!
 - Social Games ...rescuing us from Aloneness, Boredom, Quietness!

Reality: there is knowledge to be pursued... and there is knowledge to be avoided (even though you know it exists)

2Pet 1:5 "...Make every effort to add KNOWLEDGE..."

- This is going to take effort!
- Not just any knowledge!
- *Perhaps the Most Important Thing I Did as a TEENAGE CHRISTIAN—Read my Bible and Talk with God EVERYDAY!*

Remember, 2Peter informs us that partaking of Divine Nature, receiving Precious Promises, and Escaping Corruption are tied to the Knowledge of Him!—He doesn't just call on us to add ANY Knowledge, no we need the Knowledge of Him!!

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