

“ Knowing God ”
Three Levels of Knowledge
Acts 9:1-9

Three Levels of Knowing are: Presumption, Pursuit, Possession

I. Presumption – “desired of him letters” (Verses 1- 2)
Religion

Presume – according to dictionary.com

- 1 to presume to speak for another.
- verb (used without object)
- 2 to take something for granted; suppose.

1987 { ep-is'-tam-ahee} Presumption = To be aware of
Jude 10 –
“they know naturally”

AV - know 13, understand 1; 14

GK - 2179 { ejpivstamai }

- 1) to, put one’s thought upon a thing
 - 1a) to be acquainted with, to understand
 - 1b) to know

This Level often adversely affects Our view of:

A. Language – “breathing out threatenings”

B. Love – “slaughter against the disciples”

C. Law – “he might bring them bound”

II. Pursuit – “as he journeyed” (Verses 3-6a)

Research

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Pursuit = To Place value (1Th. 5:12)
“know them which labor among your”

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- 1c) to perceive, notice, discern, discover
 - 1d1) i.e. to turn the eyes, the mind, the attention to anything
 - 1d4) to inspect, examine
- 1f) to see i.e. have an interview with, to visit
- 2b) to know, i.e. get knowledge of, understand, perceive
 - 2b1) of any fact
 - 2b2) the force and meaning of something which has definite meaning
 - 2b3) to know how, to be skilled in
- 2c) to have regard for one, cherish, pay attention to (1Th. 5:12)

This Level requires:

- A. Initiation** – *“from heaven”*
- B. Illumination** – *“shined round about him a light”*
- C. Inquisition** – *“Who art thou, Lord?”*

III. Possession – “his eyes were open” (Verses 6-9)

Relationship

This Level allows us to:

- A. Respect** – *“Lord, what wilt thou”*
- B. Respond** – *“brought him into Damascus”*
- C. Rely** – *“led him by the hand, three days without sight”*

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Intimacy = Romans 7:7 “knowing sin because of the Law”

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- 1) to learn to know, come to know, get a knowledge of
perceive, feel
 - 1a) to become known
- 2) to know, understand, perceive, have knowledge of
- 3) Jewish idiom for relations between a man and a woman
- 4) to become acquainted with, to know