

How well do you know him? Well, I was introduced to him yesterday and we talked together for half a minute. Well, how well do you know him? You say you know him. But you can know a person for 20 years and see much of them and still feel that you don't really know them because human character is very complex and there are many phases and aspects to it, and we keep on gaining knowledge and coming to know things more.

Our English word "realize" is a word that does not occur in the KJV at all, but I believe it is included in this word YADAH. You come to realize something more. It becomes not merely something you know about, but something that you really know, that you understand. It becomes not merely a matter of the head, but a matter of the heart, a matter of the feelings, a matter of the emotions. You realize. You experience it. This word YADAH covers this range of meanings. In the OT there is the one Heb. word that is usually translated this way. In the NT we have two words of which I'll speak a bit later on.

Now I want to look at the various occurrences of this word in the Bk. of Hosea, and I decided to arrange them under three heads. Under these three heads I thought I would give titles that would be alliterative. It took a little thought to do that, and I think that perhaps the second of them - the title is not quite clear as I give it but I think as I explain it you will see that it is clear. These three will be: Dearth of Knowledge, Divine Knowledge, and Deepening Knowledge. The first of these - Dearth of Knowledge is the subject of 8 of the 21 uses of the term in the Bk. of Hosea -- the Dearth of Knowledge. One might perhaps think that the very text of the book as a whole is ch. 4:6: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge because they have rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee." A dearth of knowledge, but in this particular verse it is a dearth of knowledge because of a willing rejection of it, a turning away from it. This idea of dearth of knowledge is stressed in 8 of these occurrences. How often it is that people simply fail to take advantage of their opportunities of real knowledge. I think one of the saddest things is the way our own country has developed. In the early days of our country, in every school the Bible was taught. In the early days of our country you could not have a meeting of a judicial or a governmental body in which the teachings of the Bible were not given attention and consideration. Not everyone was a