I Know

Brent Moody · Revelation 2:1–3:22

INTRODUCTION

- I was thinking about that as I was reading through Revelation recently, with the reality as Jesus points out to these churches that he knows everything. He knows it all.
- Am I willing to listen? Am I willing to learn? And am I willing to make the decisions to follow along with Jesus Christ?
- Just as Jesus knows these congregations and he knows these people, he knows this congregation. And he knows me. And he knows you.

1 Jesus Knows What I'm Doing

Revelation 2:1–7; Revelation 2:19; Ephesians 5

- Jesus knows what I'm doing. He is very aware. He knows my strengths. He knows my weaknesses.
- No, there's actually some praise within this text as well. He's praising them for the things they've done well.
- I know you were enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary, but I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love that you had at first.
- He's pointing out the strengths, he's pointing out the weaknesses, and saying, Here's what you need to do to get this right.
- This first point is just the reality that nothing is hidden. There's absolutely nothing hidden from his sight.

2 Jesus Knows My Heart

Revelation 2:23; Romans 2

- And all the congregations will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works.
- Jesus cares about our deeds. He says it here over and over again. Our works matter.
- Now we're not going to be able to save ourselves by our works. Jesus is the Savior. He's done the saving work. But he does expect us to live in a certain way.
- He is asking them to continue to work on shaping themselves after his image.

3 Jesus Is Not Impressed With Reputation

Revelation 3:1–4

- Jesus is not impressed with reputation. He's not impressed with image.
- Reputation is a poor substitute for integrity.
- But what Jesus cares about is what is within. That's what truly matters to him.

- You have a few names in Sardis, verse 4. People who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy.
- He'd rather us admit that we have problems and struggles and work on them to improve. That's how we don't defile our garments.

4 Jesus Knows Arrogance and Blindness

Revelation 3:15–17; Revelation 3:20

- For you say, I am rich. I have prospered, I need nothing. Not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.
- Jesus is dealing with people here who are arrogant. They're prideful. They don't think they need help.
- If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come into him and eat with him and he with me.
- If I don't look to the Bible and hear Jesus speaking to me, then I'm going to speak to myself and tell myself I'm alright.

5 Jesus Knows Our Tribulation

Revelation 2:9–10; Revelation 3:9; Revelation 2:24

- I know your poverty, but you are rich.
- Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.
- It's false, empty religion based in human thinking and tradition rather than the voice of Jesus.
- I just want to point out that false teaching is often cloaked in the name of Jesus.
- Not what someone says that it says, not someone's opinion about what it says, but what does it actually say? That's where we get the voice of Jesus.

THE CHALLENGE

Am I really wanting to listen to the voice of God, the voice of Jesus, the voice of Scripture, or am I listening to the various other voices around me, trying to tell me what they think is right?

MY NOTES