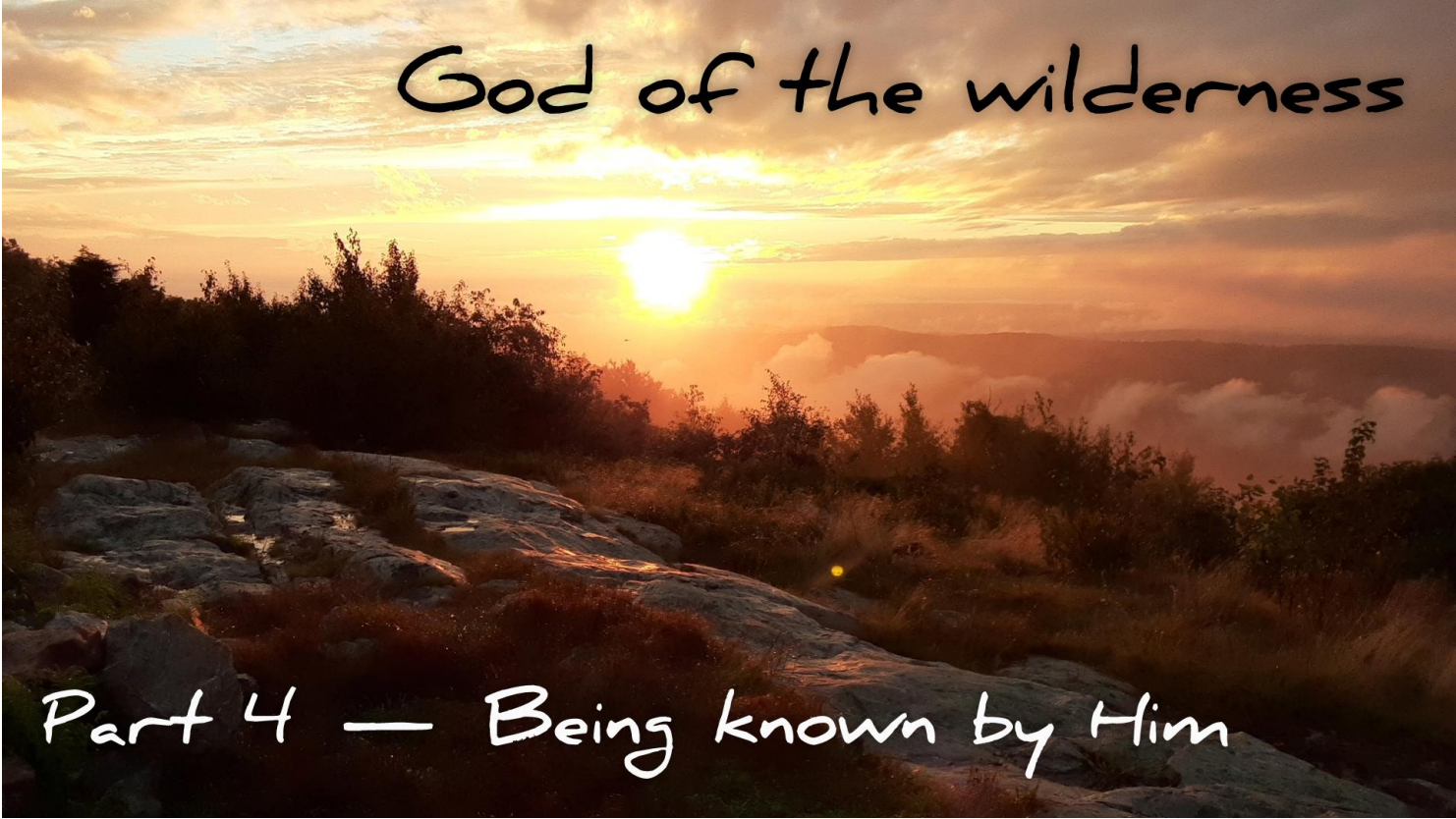


A photograph of a sunset over a rocky, forested landscape. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow across the sky and the foreground. The foreground features large, light-colored rocks and some sparse vegetation. In the background, there are dark, silhouetted trees and a valley filled with clouds. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

God of the wilderness

Part 4 — Being known by Him

⁹ But now after you have known God,
or rather are known by God, how is it
that you turn again to the weak and
beggarly elements, to which you
desire again to be in bondage?

Galatians 4:9

Drawing near to God
does not only allow us
to know Him better,
but also the be known
BY Him.

This can be
intimidating, but is the
most liberating thing
we can experience.

1 And afterward Moses and Aaron came and said to Pharaoh, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'Let My people go that they may celebrate a feast to Me in the wilderness.' "

Exodus 5

2 But Pharaoh said, "Who is the Lord that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, and besides, I will not let Israel go."

Exodus 5

3 Then they said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please, let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God, otherwise He will fall upon us with pestilence or with the sword."

Exodus 5

4 But the king of Egypt said to them,
“Moses and Aaron, why do you draw the
people away from their work? Get *back*
to your labors!”

Exodus 5

5 Again Pharaoh said, "Look, the people of the land are now many, and you would have them cease from their labors!"

Exodus 5

6 So the same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters over the people and their foremen, saying,

Exodus 5

7 "You are no longer to give the people straw to make brick as previously; let them go and gather straw for themselves.

Exodus 5

8 "But the quota of bricks which they were making previously, you shall impose on them; you are not to reduce any of it. Because they are lazy, therefore they cry out, 'Let us go and sacrifice to our God.'

Exodus 5

9 "Let the labor be heavier on the men,
and let them work at it so that they will
pay no attention to false words."

Exodus 5

10 So the taskmasters of the people and their foremen went out and spoke to the people, saying, "Thus says Pharaoh, 'I am not going to give you *any* straw.

Exodus 5

11 'You go *and* get straw for yourselves wherever you can find *it*, but none of your labor will be reduced.' "

Exodus 5

12 So the people scattered through all the land of Egypt to gather stubble for straw.

Exodus 5

13 The taskmasters pressed them, saying, "Complete your work quota, *your* daily amount, just as when you had straw."

Exodus 5

14 Moreover, the foremen of the sons of Israel, whom Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten and were asked, "Why have you not completed your required amount either yesterday or today in making brick as previously?"

Exodus 5

15 Then the foremen of the sons of Israel came and cried out to Pharaoh, saying, "Why do you deal this way with your servants?"

Exodus 5

16 "There is no straw given to your servants, yet they keep saying to us, 'Make bricks!' And behold, your servants are being beaten; but it is the fault of your *own* people."

Exodus 5

17 But he said, "You are lazy, very lazy; therefore you say, 'Let us go *and* sacrifice to the Lord.'

Exodus 5

18 "So go now *and* work; for you will be given no straw, yet you must deliver the quota of bricks."

Exodus 5

19 The foremen of the sons of Israel saw that they were in trouble because they were told, "You must not reduce *your* daily amount of bricks."

Exodus 5

**20 When they left Pharaoh's presence,
they met Moses and Aaron as they were
waiting for them.**

Exodus 5

21 They said to them, "May the Lord look upon you and judge *you*, for you have made us odious in Pharaoh's sight and in the sight of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to kill us."

Exodus 5

22 Then Moses returned to the Lord and said, "O Lord, why have You brought harm to this people? Why did You ever send me?"

Exodus 5

23 "Ever since I came to Pharaoh to speak in Your name, he has done harm to this people, and You have not delivered Your people at all."

Exodus 5

It is common to all who walk with God that the problems of life tend to intensify right as we draw nearer to Him.

When God speaks, the
Kingdom of darkness
hears and attempts to
thwart the word
coming true in our lives.

Friends of God go **TO**
Him when this happens,
and the friendship
grows tighter as a
result.

God is bringing all things
into the light, not to
expose us, but so His
works may be seen.

22 Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness and found no water.

Exodus 15:22–24

23 When they came to Marah,
they could not drink the waters
of Marah, for *they were bitter*;
therefore it was named Marah.

Exodus 15:22–24

24 So *the people grumbled at Moses*, saying, "What shall we drink?"

Exodus 15:22–24

God will allow
situations into our lives
that reveal what's
hidden in our hearts.

Fiends of God draw
near to Him to have
those things healed.

12 For *the word of God* is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit,

Hebrews 4:12–16

of both joints and marrow, and
able to judge the thoughts and
intentions of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12–16

13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but ***all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.***

Hebrews 4:12–16

14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

Hebrews 4:12–16

15 For *we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses*, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are*, yet without sin.

Hebrews 4:12–16

16 Therefore *let us draw near
with confidence to the throne
of grace*, so that we may receive
mercy and find *grace to help in
time of need*.

Hebrews 4:12–16

Psalm 139



