

## For I Know Him

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In **Genesis 18:19** God, speaking of Abraham, said, "For I know him." The Lord knows each person, who and what we are, and what we want out of life. It should cause a person to stop and to think when he realizes that the Lord truly knows us, inside and out.

Abraham was not a special case, for God knew him and he does each of us as well. In Revelation he said to each of the seven churches, "I know thy works." He can say that to each church and each individual. A person may fool other people and even himself, but he can never fool God. Why should anyone think it strange that God would know our thoughts, desires, goals, and any other things about us? After all, he made us and we are responsible to him.

God said that Abraham would keep his commandments and would command his family to do the same. He saw in Abraham a man of faith who would walk in righteousness and obedience. The Lord not only knows our sins, but he knows our efforts to keep his word too. It should be a comfort to realize that he knows our troubles, temptations, and concerns that we face in this life.

Remember, God made man and knows that mankind is of the flesh with all of its weaknesses.

That is why God tells us to keep the faith and to obey his word. We are not told that we have to do some big and wondrous works, but we are told to love and to obey the commands of God. Anyone can do that if there is real faith in the heart. When we truly believe in the Lord we want to live a life that pleases him. **1 Peter 4:3**, "For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries." Now that we know the truth and the salvation of God we want to live for the Lord.

Someone may think that a person is a hypocrite, but does that make him one? He may have seen the believer in a weak moment, who did something wrong and was sorry for it. That doesn't make a person a hypocrite, it means that they are human. If anyone, and yes, I do mean anyone, tells you that they are perfect and never errs in thought, word, or deed, get away from that person quickly. They are either a self-righteous hypocrite, or someone that is foolish and unbelieving of God's Word.

God knows when we are repentant of our faults and failures. He also knows when someone is putting on a

show, trying to fool people, himself, or even trying to fool God himself. There are those who think that a Christian don't ever do anything wrong and if they do then they were never truly saved. I don't know where they came up with such an ideal, for here in the real world humans make mistakes. The Lord forgives when a child of God errs and repents. Man often will not forgive, or forget, any error, but their own.

God sees the heart and knows whether a person is doing his best in faith to follow the commands of the Lord. He sees the true believer and the person who sins and makes light of it. God, and he alone, knows each of us and that we are either walking in his word, or not. Those who sin and try to cover it up may fool man, but God knows the truth. People may not like, or accept, us because they saw, or heard, something about us that they didn't like. They may have really witnessed us in a bad moment, but that didn't mean that we stay that way. God sees the heart and knows those who live for him. **2 Timothy 2:19**, "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity." Resist sin and if you err then repent of it, but never try to cover it up and act like it never happened. Those that do are the hypocrites.

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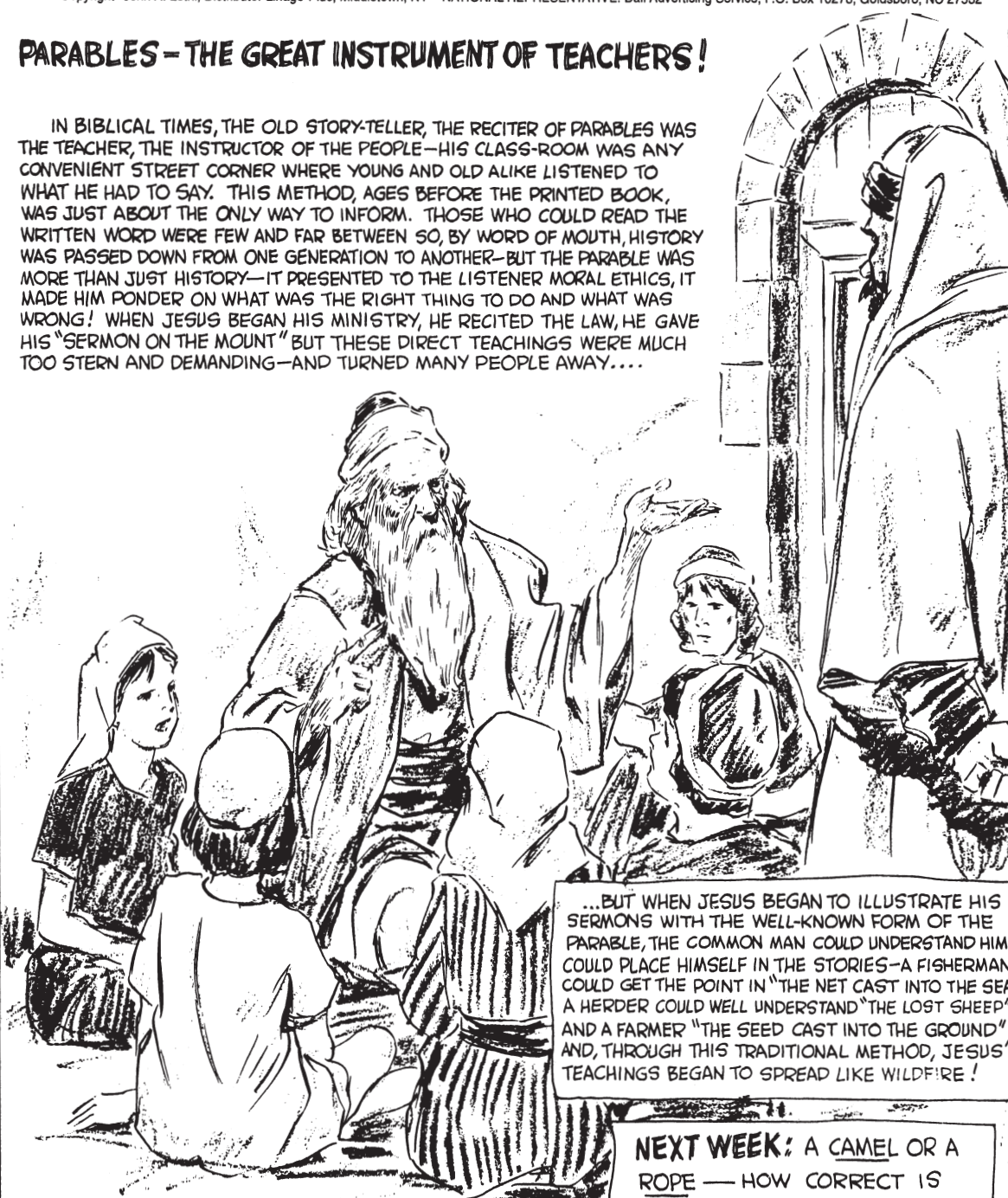
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