

To Know the LORD  
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[The Lord says] "And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, O My people." Ezekiel 37:13

We see so much in our lives. We can see so many things that are just messed up and wrong, that are difficult and harsh. Ezekiel understands that. Ezekiel is an exile, dragged from Jerusalem unto Babylon, a stranger in a strange land and a victim of true oppression and wickedness. Ezekiel and the other exiles have serious doubts and fears about what their life will be. And, of course, what do these problems say about God's love for them, who God is? Is He still their God?

Turns out that the time in Babylon ends up not being that bad for most of them - they by and large prosper there, so much so that when Cyrus tells them that they can go home, a lot of them stay. But that success doesn't really say who the LORD is - it's a nice thing, to be sure, but that's not where the proof is. We don't place our good times and bad times on a scale and then judge how good of a job God is doing - that's not how we know Him.

Rather, the time when we will know the LORD is when we see Him face to face when He raises us from the dead. This is why Jesus has died and risen - so that you would be raised to life everlasting in His kingdom, where you'd know no good and evil (that was what the Serpent tempted us with) but you will simply know Him and all His benefits.

This is why Paul says that now we see as through a mirror dimly - we are easily distracted. But the promise of God in Christ Jesus to you remains sure - Jesus is your Savior, you are forgiven, and you have life in His name; life now but also life everlasting where you will see Him face to face.

I hope you have a good week, but if there are lousy twists and turns, don't listen to the blathering of Satan and his stooges who try to tell you that this means God doesn't love you or some other such junk. No - you are bound for resurrection with Jesus, and you will then see who He is and how solid and full His love for you is.