

Knowledge Failing in the Last Days

Many of us have lived long enough to see the world fill itself with knowledge and yet lose its understanding. The Scriptures said this would come. Daniel was told, "*Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.*" (Daniel 12:4) That is exactly what has happened. Men travel faster than ever, speak faster than ever, gather information faster than ever, and yet they do not grow wiser. Knowledge increases, but wisdom does not.

Paul wrote, "*Whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.*" (1 Corinthians 13:8) He did not mean that facts would disappear. He meant that human certainty would collapse. He meant that the systems men trust would fail. He meant that the understanding men boast in would show itself to be fragile. "*For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.*" (1 Corinthians 13:9) Men build their predictions on partial knowledge, and when the world shifts, their confidence vanishes.

Isaiah recorded the Lord saying, "*The wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.*" (Isaiah 29:14) That is happening now. The wisdom of the wise is perishing. The understanding of the prudent is being hidden. Economists cannot predict. Scientists cannot stabilize. Leaders cannot govern with steadiness. Forecasters cannot see beyond a short window. The more knowledge increases, the more wisdom perishes, just as God said.

Hosea declared, "*There is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.*" (Hosea 4:1) And again, "*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.*" (Hosea 4:6) This is not ignorance of facts. It is ignorance of God. When the knowledge of God is rejected, all other knowledge begins to rot. "*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.*" (Proverbs 1:7) When the beginning is gone, the rest cannot stand.

Jesus said there would be "*distress of nations, with perplexity.*" (Luke 21:25) Perplexity means confusion. It means men do not know what to do. It means their knowledge has failed. He said the "*powers of heaven shall be shaken.*" (Luke 21:26) When the powers of heaven shake, the patterns of earth shake with them. Weather becomes unstable. Seasons lose their rhythm. Predictions lose their reliability. Men's hearts fail them for fear because they see what is coming on the earth and cannot understand it.

Paul warned Timothy that in the last days men would be *"ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."* (2 Timothy 3:7) That is the world now. Information everywhere. Data everywhere. Opinions everywhere. But truth is rare. Men learn endlessly and never arrive.

Peter said, *"There shall come in the last days scoffers."* (2 Peter 3:3) These scoffers say, *"Where is the promise of his coming?"* (2 Peter 3:4) They believe everything continues as it always has. But everything is not continuing as it always has. The patterns are breaking. The systems are wobbling. Knowledge is failing.

Jesus said, *"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."* (Matthew 24:35) Everything else will fail. Everything else will crumble. Everything else will lose its certainty. His words alone will stand.

The Scriptures say that in the last days knowledge will increase, but they also say that human knowledge will fail. Daniel says, *"Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."* (Daniel 12:4) Paul says, *"Whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away."* (1 Corinthians 13:8) Isaiah says, *"The wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid."* (Isaiah 29:14) Hosea says, *"There is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land."* (Hosea 4:1) And again, *"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."* (Hosea 4:6) When the knowledge of God is rejected, all other knowledge collapses.

Jesus says there will be *"distress of nations, with perplexity."* (Luke 21:25) Perplexity means their systems and predictions no longer work. Timothy says men will be *"ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."* (2 Timothy 3:7) Peter says, *"There shall come in the last days scoffers."* (2 Peter 3:3) These scoffers will be blind to the changes around them. And Jesus says, *"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."* (Matthew 24:35) His words alone remain when every other form of knowledge fails.

This is the world now. Knowledge increasing. Knowledge failing. Wisdom perishing. Understanding hidden. Information everywhere. Truth rare. And only the Word of God standing firm when everything else falls. Let the reader understand.