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2 Amnesia Test

- G-Force stands for the invisible power of God.
- It is a power that not only raised Jesus from the dead, but exalted Him to the right hand of God—giving Him the title “King of kings, and Lord of lords!”
- It is also at work in us . . . who believe!
- The key to activating this power is our faith and the key to our faith is our knowledge of God, which grows through each step of obedience we take.

3 KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

4 Knowledge of God

- Key Point – Our faith and response is critical for us to experience and know God.
- “Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.” (John 14:21 NIV)
- Jesus replied, “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.” (John 14:23 NIV)

5 Knowledge of God

- His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. (2 Peter 1:3–4 NIV)
- Through our faith that comes from our knowledge of God, we are enabled to tap into God’s divine power where He is able to live His life through us, so that we can escape the judgment that is coming upon the world for its evil behavior.

6 Knowledge of God

- For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith
 - goodness; and to goodness,
 - knowledge; and to knowledge,
 - self-control; and to self-control,
 - perseverance; and to perseverance,
 - godliness; and to godliness,
 - brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness,
 - love. (2 Peter 1:5–7 NIV)

7 Knowledge of God

- For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 1:8 NIV)
- Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 1:10–11 NIV)

8 KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

9 The Problem with Heresy

- I beg you that when I come I may not have to be as bold as I expect to be toward some people who think that we live by the standards of this world. (2 Corinthians 10:2 NIV)
- On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. (2 Corinthians 10:4–5 NIV)

10 The Problem with Heresy

- What the Apostle Paul is saying:
 - He hopes that when he comes to Corinth, he won't have to use his apostolic power against those who are teaching low moral standards to Christians.
 - For even if I boast somewhat freely about the authority the Lord gave us for building you up rather than pulling you down, I will not be ashamed of it. (2 Corinthians 10:8 NIV)

11 The Problem with Heresy

- . . . I will find out not only how these arrogant people are talking, but what power they have. For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power. (1 Corinthians 4:19–20 NIV)
- So to demolish strongholds is to discredit unbiblical teachings or teachers by the use of apostolic authority and power.

12 Use of Apostolic Authority

- Then Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at Elymas and said, 10 “You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery. Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord? Now the hand of the Lord is against you. You are going to be blind, and for a time you will be unable to see the light of the sun.” (Acts 13:9–11 NIV)
- When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was amazed at the teaching about the Lord. (Acts 13:12 NIV)

13 KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

14 The Problem with Heresy

- “Woe to you experts in the law, because you have taken away the key to knowledge. You yourselves have not entered, and you have hindered those who were entering.” (Luke 11:52 NIV)
- It changes the conditions to God’s Promises.
- Causes us to think we’re living for God when we’re not.
- Keeps us from experiencing the faithfulness of God.
- Keeps us from Knowing God.
- Keeps our faith from growing.
- Keeps us immature, unfruitful, and powerless.

15 Summary

- My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge (Hosea 4:6 KJV)
- My people are fools; they do not know me. They are senseless children; they have no understanding. (Jeremiah 4:22 NIV)
- But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.” (Matthew 13:23 NIV)
- Solution:
 - make sure that what we believe about God is biblical.
 - make every effort to add “virtue” to [our] faith.
 - be all the more eager to make [our] calling and election sure.

16 Application

- When we get up in the morning . . . we ought to say to God,
 - “Lord, let me be an instrument of your goodness today.”
 - “Not my will be done, but your will be done in and through me.”
 - “Teach me your ways, so that I can know you better and bring glory and honor to your name.”

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