

Praying to Know God More

HRP - Hope, Riches, Power




INTRODUCTION

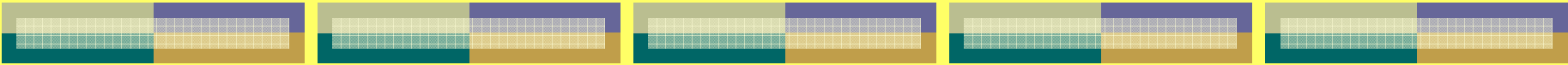
Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13)

1. **Pathway Soil – no growth**
 - Hears but does not understand
2. **Rocky Soil – short-lived growth**
 - Troubles and persecutions
3. **“Thorny” Soil – no fruit**
 - Worries of this life and deceitfulness of wealth
4. **Good Soil – fruitful**
 - Hears and understands



Ephesians 1:17-23


- 17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better.
 - 18 I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know
 - the hope to which He has called you,
 - the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and
 - His incomparably great power for us who believe.
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That **power** is like the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ

when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

22 And God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills everything in every way.



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Ephesians 1:17-23

- Request: that God may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation to know Him better (since the eyes of your heart have been enlightened)
- Purpose: in order that you may know ... **Hope, Riches, Power**

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Request: Pray for wisdom and revelation

- **Wisdom** – insight into the true nature of things
- **Revelation** – unveil, disclose what was hidden

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1 Corinthians 2:9-12

However, as it is written:

**“No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
no mind has conceived
what God has prepared for those who
love him”**

**— but God has revealed it to us by His
Spirit. The Spirit searches all things,
even the deep things of God.**

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For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

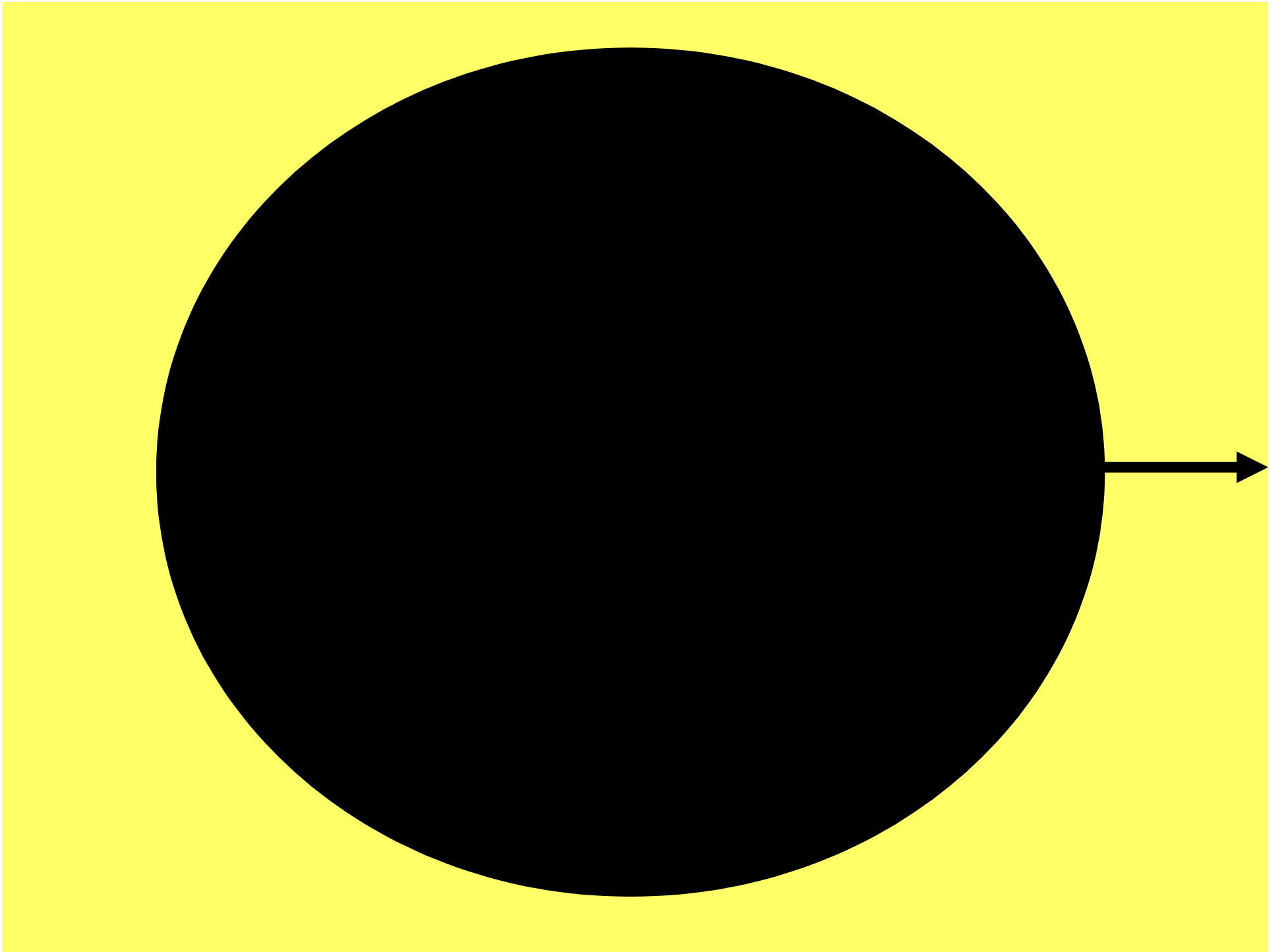
We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.

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1. HOPE of His Calling

- Romans 8:18-25



Psalm 39:4 (NLT) “Lord, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered—how fleeting my life is.”



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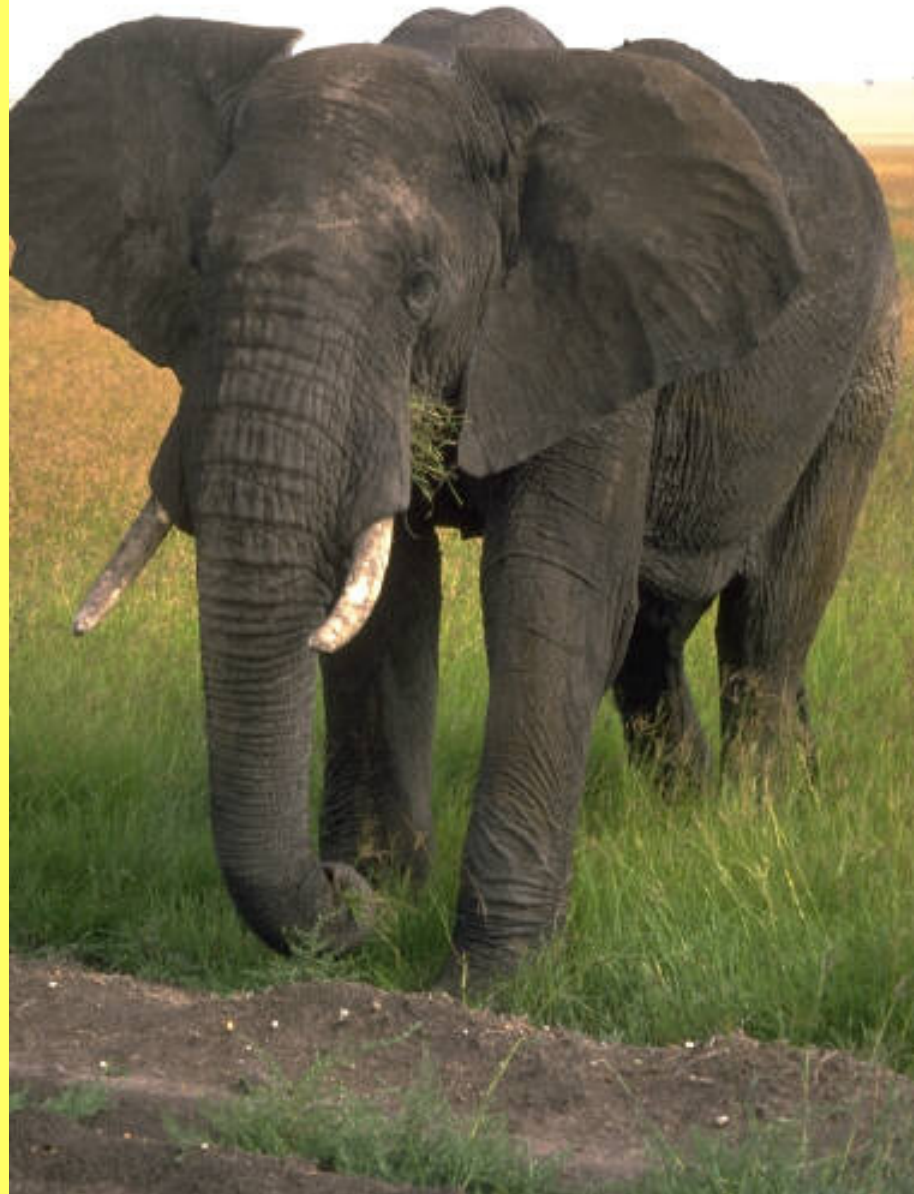
2. RICHES of His Glorious
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3. POWER – His incomparably great power for us who believe



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Ephesians 1:17-23

- **Know God More ...**
- **His Hope, Riches,
Power**

Conclusion

When we know God, when we know:

- **His hope – live with eternity in mind**
- **His riches – value ourselves and others**
- **His Power – exercise this power**