

# The Watford Word

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## What's on

**Sunday 17 May: Malcolm - Phil**  
4.10-23

**Thursday 21 May, 8 PM: Third**  
**Thursday Prayer: 08:00 PM. ID: 988**  
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**Sunday 24 May: Church service**

**Sunday 31 May: Malcolm speaking on the Trinity**

**Sunday 07 June: Church service**

**Sunday 14 June: International Service**

**Thursday 18 June, 8 PM: Third Thursday Prayer.**



## "Know that the Lord is God." Ps 100.3

*"Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture."*  
*Psalms 100.3*

So far we have dealt with "shout" and the invitations to "worship" and "come". Today we explore the command to 'know' that the LORD is God. We will also look at the implications that follow - considering we are his sheep.

Why is the word "know" at the beginning of the line as an imperative? It seems a little strange to make the word "know" a command.

### 1. Yada

The Hebrew word translated "know" is 'yada' - a word connoting intimacy and a very personal relationship. It implies *experiencing* the other person, not knowing *about* someone, but knowing their character and their heart.

By commanding us to "know" the Lord we are being invited into full devotion to a relationship that already exists, but is not currently as

## Other Events

**Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th May: UK & Ireland**  
**mature singles retreat – "Trust In The Lord"**. Penny &  
I are the guest speakers for this event. Please pray for us.

**Friday 24th to 27th July: ICCM Preteen Camp**

**Saturday 25th to 31st July: ICCM Teen Camp**

**Saturday 20 to 24 August: Thames Valley Teen Camp**

**Friday 11th - 13 September: UK & Ireland Young**  
**Professionals Retreat in Chesham.**

**Sept 30th - Oct 04th: Spirituality Retreat.** <https://shop.thewayministry.global/2026-csr/home>

**Friday 30th October to Sunday 01st November:**  
**Autumn Student Retreat for the UK & Ireland.**

**Thursday 12-15th November: UK, Ireland and**  
**Nordics leadership retreat.**

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complete in its devotion as it could be. Only if we fully commit ourselves to the LORD will we find an adequately firm foundation for praise. For more on this look at verse four of the Psalm.

Those who truly "know" the Lord make more than an acknowledgement of his Lordship, but freely confess his Lordship. When we are wholehearted in our love of the Lord, we voluntarily express our thanksgiving and praise.

If you are finding it hard to pray wholeheartedly or sing with all your heart during times of corporate worship, could it be that there is a need to change your thinking about your relationship with the LORD?

## 2. Where we came from & who we belong to

Our gratitude is refreshed when we remember that the LORD chose to make us according to his will. No one made him do it.

*"Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being." (Genesis 2:7)*

When we remember who formed us, we are also reminded to whom we belong. It's difficult to praise God if we forget our identity. But if we remember how lucky we are, it becomes much easier to shout for joy.

## 3. The privilege of pasture

Perhaps the Psalmist is thinking of an earlier psalm by David:

*"The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures," (Psalms 23:1-2 NIV11)*

Much of the time we lack what we want. But we never lack what we need when what we need is to remember that we belong to the LORD. Perhaps Jesus was thinking of Psalms 23 and 100 when he said this:

*"I am the gate for the sheep...whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture." (John 10:7-9)*

We have an extraordinary promise from Jesus. That when we find him, and join his flock, we are not only safe, but in a position to "have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10)

If that's not a reason to shout for joy, worship with gladness and sing joyful songs, then I don't know what is.

## Conclusion

Have you considered how privileged you are to not only be made by God but also loved by him? Are you willing to fully commit yourself to a relationship with the LORD? Are you finding his pasture to be pleasant?

## Question

What helps you fully commit your life to the LORD? What is the most inspiring aspect of being one of Jesus' flock?

Your brother, Malcolm

*If anyone would like to contribute to the Watford Word please let me know. Articles about scripture, poetry, personal devotional reflections, good news, prayer requests, testimonials and more are all welcome.*

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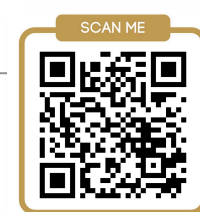
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