

**PULPIT MINISTRY                      OCTOBER 2007**  
**THEME: "Let Us Pursue the Knowledge of God"**

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
**Title: "Destroyed for lack of Knowledge"**  
**Text: Hosea 4**

**7 October 2007**

**(I) THE PROVISION OF KNOWLEDGE**

- 1. Revelation from God through His prophets**
- 2. The Written Law (Moses)**
- 3. The Wisdom Literature**
- 4. The Ministry of Prophets, Priests and Kings**

**(II) THE LACK OF KNOWLEDGE**

*"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge..." Hosea 4:6a*

- 1. Deadly consequences**
- 2. Self-Destruction**

**(III) REASONS FOR LACK OF KNOWLEDGE**

*"...Because you have rejected knowledge..." Hosea 4:6b*

*"...Because you have forgotten the law of Your God..." Hosea 4:6d*

*"...Because they have ceased obeying the LORD." Hosea 4:10c*

*"...because of their sacrifices." Hosea 4:19b*

**1. Rejection of knowledge**

- a) Decision
- b) Deliberate choice

**2. Forgetting God**

- a) Not choosing to remember
- b) No effort to remember
- c) Forgetting God - the result

### 3. Cessation of obedience

a) Disobedience (**Hosea 4:7-10**)

b) Stubbornness (**Hosea 4:16**)

*"...Israel is stubborn  
Like a stubborn calf..." Hosea 4:16*

### 4. Idolatry

*"My people ask counsel from their wooden idols,  
And their staff informs them..." Hosea 4:12*

*"They offer sacrifices on the mountaintops,  
And burn incense on the hills,  
Under oaks, poplars, terebinths,  
Because their shade is good..." Hosea 4:13*

## **(IV) A CHALLENGE WE DARE NOT IGNORE**

*"Wisdom is the principal thing;  
Therefore get wisdom.  
And in all your getting, get understanding." Proverbs 4:7*

**1. Recognising Wisdom as the principal thing**

**2. Sparing no effort to obtain Wisdom**