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Attain and Obtain

Know (Phil 3:10; Strongs 1097) — Be resolved, sure, perceive. To know Him is to love Him; to love Him is to obey Him; to obey Him is for Him to disclose Himself to you (John 14:21), to allow Himself to be seen clearly and understood and perceived. *Revelation* — make Himself known to you, so you can *know* Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of sharing His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, so as to *attain* to the resurrection. This is something to *attain* to, Phil 3:11.

No one *obtains* anything without first *attaining* to it.

Attain — to reach, gain by effort, accomplish, achieve;

Obtain — to acquire by attainment; get hold of, take hold of, secure.

Verse 12 — I press on to *attain* to the goal, so as to obtain or take hold of, to lay hold of it, which is the reason He laid hold of me by His redemption. This is the reason we were chosen (Eph 1:4; Rom 8:28-29).

Prov 18:22 — He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from Yahweh. So the word *finds* indicates attainment — searching or looking for a wife (not someone who is just a woman but not a wife). He obtains a wife after looking for her, and obtains favor from Yahweh. Obtaining a wife is the same as obtaining favor from Yahweh. A wife is a wife because she is a wife. A person who finds a wife ends his search for a wife when he *obtains* a wife (Prov 12:4; 19:14; 4:9; 31:10; like Prov 8:35 — finding wisdom).