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So what happens when we come to know and love God better? As we grow in knowledge, specifically a personal, loving knowledge of God, we will see at least two major differences in our loves: we will have hope and we will become holy.

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