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 - D. It's a sneaky attempt at bribing the modern generation to worship.
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 - A. Our knowledge and understanding of God increases.
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 - C. We are reminded that we are valued by God.
 - D. We are reminded of our privileged position in Christ.
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