

Big Words You Need to Know, Love, and Share

Week 1: Revelation

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Definition: *God communicating things to people that were previously unseen. Previously ignorant, we are graciously given knowledge.*

THREE ORIENTATING QUESTIONS

1. Why do we need revelation? *Answer: certain vital things are hidden from us.*
2. What is the goal of revelation? *Answer: to provide us knowledge of these things; God desires to share them with us.*
3. What should our attitude be in response to revelation? *Answer: gratitude, humility, listening, and learning.*

HOW DOES GOD REVEAL HIMSELF

- General Revelation (Psalm 19; Rom. 1:18ff)
- Special Revelation (2 Tim. 3:16-17; Deu. 4:1-4; Mt. 4:4)

HOW HAS GOD REVEALED HIMSELF IN THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS?

- Old Testament (Jer. 1:7, 9, 23:18; Amos 3:7)
 - The phrase “Thus says the Lord” introduces the prophets’ words 359 times in the Old Testament.
- New Testament
 - The Lord Jesus (Heb. 1:1-3; Jn. 1:18, 14:9)
 - The Apostles (Jn. 14:26, 15:26, 16:13ff; Eph. 3:5ff, 1 Cor. 2:7ff)

DOES GOD CONTINUE TO REVEAL HIMSELF NOW?

- Yes and no.
 - No further revelation of Scripture.
 - Yes future revelation at the revelation of Christ (1 Pet. 1:7; Rev. 22:4; 1 Jn. 3:2)

HOW DOES THE GOSPEL INTERSECT WITH REVELATION?

- Blind eyes are opened (2 Cor. 4:4-6)
- Words are believed (Rom. 10:13; Col. 1:4-7)

WHAT SHOULD OUR ATTITUDE BE IN RESPONSE?

- Prayerful gratitude to God. (Ps. 119:18, 62)
- Humility before God. (Jam. 1:19-21)
- Loving the Word of God. (Ps. 119:97)

- Study God's Revelation. (2 Pet. 3:18)
- Sharing the truth with others. (Mt. 28:19-21; Eph. 4:15-16)