

Revelation

Definition of “Revelation”

- Unveil” or “uncover”
- What picture or illustrations come to your mind?
- What is an application to your life of this definition of Revelation? (See Psalm 36:9)

The Kind of Revelation God shares with us

1. Personal revelation - 1 Samuel 2:27; Matthew 11:27
We know God Himself, and have a personal relationship with the personal God
2. Propositional revelation - Galatians 1:16; Jeremiah 33:6; Daniel 2:47
We know this personal God ONLY through His words and talking to us.
3. Some people talk of “experiencing God” apart from His Words to us. Is this possible?
4. General and Special Revelation What do these terms mean? Psalm 19 describes BOTH

What God reveals to us in the Holy Bible

1. Himself Exodus 34:5-7
From this standpoint, revelation reaches its climax in the Incarnation of the Son (Heb. 1:1-3)
2. His Kingdom Isaiah 6:1ff.; Psalm 96:10; Philippians 2:9-11
Notice the progression of this theme through Scripture
3. His covenant Gen. 17:7-14; Exodus 19:4-6; Jer. 31:33; 2 Cor. 6:16; Rev. 21:3
This is the slogan of the Bible: God’s gracious imposition, so that we belong to Him!
4. His Law Psalm 147:19; Galatians 4:4-7; book of Proverbs
The authoritative instruction of a Father for His sons and daughters
5. His Salvation Exodus 14:13; Isaiah 51:5-6; Romans 1:16
From Egypt, Babylon, personal and national troubles, from sin and the devil

When does God reveal Himself to us?

1. Past and Present Is the Bible a dead book? Or do we serve a living God?
2. In the Future too 1 Peter 1:7; 1 Corinthians 13:12

How does God reveal Himself to us? Two veils must be taken away from us.

1. Objective Revelation (The veil which hides God’s mind)

The Scriptures truly speak of God, and so does creation itself (Psalm 19; 2 Timothy 3:15-16)

2. Subjective Revelation (The veil which clouds our hearts)

This objective revelation is of no help to any sinner unless God gives a Second gift—not just thundering forth from above Who He is and What He has done, but also thundering forth from within, so that we behold His glory and see the face of Christ Jesus! (2 Corinthians 3:14-16; 4:3-6)