

Revelation vs. 1-6

Revelation is where God discloses himself or communicates truth to the mind, making known to people that which could not be known another way.

For years the VLA (very large array) in New Mexico has been listening for communication coming from the cosmos. The report so far has been: nothing. The problem is that they are listening the wrong way. They should read this psalm!

Inspiration vs. 7-10

Graphic inspiration is the activity by which that portion intended by God of His special revelation was put into permanent, authoritative, written form by the agency of the Holy Spirit, working in such a way that what these divinely selected authors wrote down is the very Word of God, complete, infallible and inerrant in the original manuscripts.

Illumination vs. 11-14

Illumination is the supernatural help given by the Holy Spirit to the reader of the Bible, to enable him to understand and apply the divine message.

What ties it all together is the theme of God's communication with man. What does that tell us? God is personal and relational and knowable. He wants to relate and be known.

God's Communication
Psalm 19
Restoring the Soul

Uses God's name (signified by "LORD") 7 times, and the first use is not until section 2 when he starts talking about the Scripture.

Through the: Sky

Impressive, but not instructive

God Beauty of God's Works

Notice how Hebrew poetry uses repetition for beauty and emphasis.

Sun

It is great, but it is not God

God & People Scripture

The world starts here by seeking life through treasure and pleasure. But these two are the last of the eight items. They are the fruit, not the root.

Here he begins to actually talk with this God of the universe!

God & You Conviction of God's Worker Servant

Makes 4 Requests (all related to sin)

1. Forgive me for unconscionous sins
2. Keep me from blowing it
3. Don't let sin rule over me
4. Purify my thoughts and words

Look at the progression in effect of God's communication on his servant:

1. Impressive	↓	Admiration
2. Instructive	↓	Information
3. convicting	↓	Transformation

General Revelation

The heavens are telling of the glory of God; and their expanse is declaring the work of His hands. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

Silent There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard.

Pervasive Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their utterances to the end of the world.

In them He has placed a tent for the sun, which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber; it rejoices as a strong man to run his course. Its rising is from one end of the heavens, and its circuit to the other end of them; and there is nothing hidden from its heat.



BRIDEGROOM



Moves from comfortable to uncomfortable

Communication w/o words or sound

Ahh!

Quoted in Rom. 10:18

We also speak in two ways:
1. By works: our life
2. By words: our lips

Bridegroom - radiance and joy
Champion - strength & stamina

Eight characteristics are named. Seven is the number of perfection. So 8 perhaps implies superabundance. Each division in Ps. 119 is 8 verses long. Also there are 8 beatitudes in Matt. 5.

Huh!

Greatest Treasure
More valuable than the most valuable possession: gold

Greatest Pleasure
More delicious than the most delicious food: honey

Specific Revelation

1. The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul;
2. The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.
3. The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
4. The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.
5. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;
6. The judgments of the LORD are true; they are righteous altogether.
7. They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold;
8. Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.

ENLIGHTENING



DISCERN

Moreover, by them Thy servant is warned; In keeping them there is great reward. Who can discern his errors?

The only question

Acquit me of hidden faults. Also keep back Thy servant from presumptuous sins; Let them not rule over me; Then I shall be (a) blameless, and I shall be (b) acquitted of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O LORD, my rock and my Redeemer.



- God's Word
1. keeps you out of trouble (warns)
 2. brings you into blessing. (reward)

Ouch!

No mention of
Love, children, temple, sacrifices, blood, Israel, Jerusalem, king, Moses, enemies, sexuality, age, animals, music

Statistics

- 1 question
- 1 verse quoted in N.T.
- 2 forms of communication
- 3 steps (ahh!, huh!, ouch!)
- 4 requests
- 4 comparisons
- 7 times "LORD" is used
- 8 qualities of the Word
- 14 verses

Excellencies Experiences

God's Word is

1. Invigorating (reviving the soul)
2. Instructive (making wise)
3. Encouraging (giving joy)
4. Enlightening (giving light)
5. Permanent (enduring forever)
6. Perfect (altogether righteous)
7. Precious (more than gold)
8. Preferable (more than honey)