

**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**

Truth of God's Word

**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:

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

General Revelation

Specific Revelation

Personal Application

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.

Speechless speech

Noiseless knowledge

**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

**ENLIGHTENING**



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.

**DISCERN**

Moreover, by them Thy servant is warned; In keeping them there is great reward.

Who can discern his errors? 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.

The only question



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)