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I

The Revelation of a Supernatural God

Man has tried to know his Creator through intellectual means, but this has proven impossible because God can be known only through revelation. In fact, He has always desired for us to know Him intimately and to experience His attributes, strengths, and virtues. This is why He sent us His Holy Spirit. No person has the mental ability to describe the infinite or the eternal. However, I will try to present a basic and uncomplicated description that will help you to understand Him in human terms.

Who Is God?

God is a _____⁽¹⁾, _____⁽²⁾, and immutable being with supernatural attributes and abilities. He dwells in the dimension of eternity—the spiritual realm—and manifests in visible form in the natural dimension.

Thus says the High and Lofty One who inhabits eternity.

(Isaiah 57:15)

What is Revelation?

In Greek, “revelation” is the word *apokalypsis* which means “laying bare, making naked... a _____⁽³⁾ of truth, instruction concerning things before unknown.” This expression is used, mostly, to express something that exists in the spiritual realm, and it expresses “spiritual perception.” Revelation means to suddenly understand something without research or natural means of learning.

Revelation

Revelation is the knowledge of God revealed to our spirits, and it is received by spiritually seeing, hearing, and perceiving. This process is referred to as “spiritual perception.” Revelation allows you to _____⁽⁴⁾ understand something without the aid of the natural senses.

Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

(Matthew 16:17)

***To receive revelation from God is to see as He sees, to hear as He hears,
and to perceive as He perceives.***

Revelation includes knowing things you should not know, seeing things that have yet to occur, and _____⁽⁵⁾ things without prior knowledge. It is the mind of God revealed so that mankind can exercise dominion over time, space, and matter.

In the absence of progressive divine revelation, people tend to turn to formal, _____⁽⁶⁾ intellectual education, much of which serves to discredit faith. Intellectual knowledge has its rightful place in society, but it is a poor substitute for spiritual knowledge.

Who Is the Source of Revealed Knowledge?

The Source of all revelation is the _____⁽⁷⁾. He is the only channel that gives us access to God's revealed wisdom or knowledge. The Holy Spirit hears what is said in heaven and repeats it to men and women on earth. We cannot know God without the help of the Holy Spirit.

How Did the Apostle Paul Handle Natural Knowledge?

However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory.
(1 Corinthians 2:6–7)

Philosophy is a science based on a _____⁽⁸⁾ of _____⁽⁹⁾ that is obtained from the natural environment. Paul, upon his return to the church in Corinth, he emphatically expressed that he had returned in God's power and not in human wisdom. Paul understood that human wisdom and philosophy were _____⁽¹⁰⁾ of producing the supernatural power required to preach the gospel or to manifest God's power.

God's Wisdom

The mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.
(Colossians 1:26, 27)

The wisdom of our Lord Jesus Christ is to share His secrets through the cross.

Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.
(1 Corinthians 2:9)

The natural senses alone cannot perceive the revealed wisdom or knowledge of God.

But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.
(1 Corinthians 2:10–11)

Four Truths That Can Be Known Only Through Revelation:

- The nature of _____⁽¹¹⁾
- The nature of _____⁽¹²⁾
- The origin of man
- The origin of life

These truths cannot be fully discovered through scientific, natural, psychological, psychiatric, or philosophical means. Scientists and avid students seek to use only mental processes and the systematic collection of information acquired through the natural senses. Within such limitations, they have no choice but to deny God because their workable knowledge does not allow them to accept Him. Sensory knowledge cannot explain the origin of creation or the beginning of matter, and it lacks valid answers to the great “whys” of humanity. Scientists have developed diverse theories on the _____⁽¹³⁾ of life and the nature of God. They have written countless volumes on the subject, all derived from the same restrictive sources. Formal education has contributed to the destruction of the _____⁽¹⁴⁾ of millions of young people who were raised and trained to recognize and accept only that which they can see, feel, decipher, and explain with their physical senses and intellect.

The only way to know God and to relate to His supernatural and invisible realm is by faith.

God is always the One who chooses to reveal Himself to us; thus, we must _____⁽¹⁵⁾ solely on Him. If God had not chosen to reveal Himself, we never would have known Him.

God’s Revelation Depends On:

- God’s _____⁽¹⁶⁾
- God’s _____⁽¹⁷⁾

God said that in the last days, _____⁽¹⁸⁾ would increase (see Daniel 12:3–4) because it is His will to fill the earth with His glory. (See Numbers 14:21.) I believe that we are living in those last days, days in which the manifestation of His glory will be evident everywhere.

Your faith will be strongest in the area in which you have the greatest _____⁽¹⁹⁾ knowledge from God. Likewise, your faith will be weakest where you lack revelation or have little of it.

The enemy establishes a stronghold where God’s knowledge and revelation do not exist.

What Are the Two Realms That Exist?

- The _____⁽²⁰⁾ realm
- The _____⁽²¹⁾ realm

What is the natural realm? It is the dimension that is subject to the _____⁽²²⁾, space, and matter, a dimension that can be accessed only through the physical senses.

What is the supernatural realm? It is the dimension that operates _____⁽²³⁾ natural laws. It is the spiritual realm—permanent, invisible, and eternal—located outside of time. It exercises dominion over the natural realm. The spiritual realm can be accessed only by faith.

We do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

(2 Corinthians 4:18)

What is a miracle?

I define a *miracle* as “the supernatural _____⁽²⁴⁾ of God that interrupts the normal course of the natural life.” When God stops the clock of time and puts His finger on a situation, a miracle takes place. When He removes His finger, natural time resumes once again. He is a God of miracles. And we see this in the following examples from Scripture.

God Stops the Sun

Then Joshua...said in the sight of Israel: “Sun, stand still over Gibeon; and Moon, in the Valley of Aijalon.” So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, till the people had revenge upon their enemies.

(Joshua 10:12–13)

According to discoveries in astronomy, we now know that the earth orbits the sun, not the other way around. When Joshua gave the order, therefore, it was actually the earth that stood still, not the sun. In addition to orbiting the sun, the earth also rotates on its axis, making a complete turn every twenty-four hours at a speed close to one thousand miles per hour. This rotation is what produces night and day, sunrise and sunset. With this in mind, why did Joshua order the sun to stop if it is the earth that is in orbit? Joshua was simply speaking from his point of view. The most incredible aspect of this miracle is that the earth actually did _____⁽²⁵⁾! It stopped rotating without being destroyed. We cannot limit God. He is supernatural and all-powerful. He has complete and total dominion over nature.

In the Old Testament, God showed Himself to be a supernatural God of miracles,

- At the Tower of Babel, He divided the people by giving them new languages (see Genesis 11:5–8);
- At Sodom and Gomorrah when God destroyed entire cities with fire from heaven (see Genesis 19:24–25.);
- God saved Moses from Pharaoh’s plot to kill Israel’s firstborn sons (see Exodus 12);
- In the desert, God spoke to Moses from a bush that burned without being consumed (see Exodus 3);
- In Pharaoh’s palace, God turned Aaron’s rod into a serpent (see Exodus 7:10–12), turned the Nile River into blood (see Exodus 7:14–24), and caused plagues of frogs, lice, flies, boils, and locusts (see Exodus 7–10);
- God parted the Red Sea and delivered Israel out of Egypt and slavery (see Exodus 13:17–14:29);

- In the wilderness, God caused manna to descend from heaven every day (see Exodus 16:1–24), sent quail for them to eat (see Numbers 11:31–32), and drew water from a rock (see Exodus 17:6);
- He caused earthquakes to defeat and drive off the Philistines (see 1 Samuel 14:15);
- He destroyed the walls of Jericho (see Joshua 6);
- He caused an axe to float on water (see 2 Kings 6:6);
- He gave Samson the strength to kill lions and tear down the columns of the Philistines (see Judges 16:21–30);
- He gave Abraham and his sterile wife, Sarah, a son in their old age (see Genesis 21:1–3);
- He enabled a young shepherd named David to kill a giant named Goliath with only a sling and a stone (see 1 Samuel 17);
- He fed the widow of Zarephath with the multiplication of oil (see 1 Kings 17:8–15);
- He caused a donkey to speak (see Numbers 22–24);
- He consumed Elijah’s sacrifice on Mount Carmel (see 1 Kings 18:16–46);
- He commanded rain to fall after a drought (see 1 Kings 18:16–46);
- He healed Naaman through His prophet (see 2 Kings 5:1–19);
- He raised Elisha’s bones from the dead (2 Kings 13:14, 20–21);
- He kept Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego safe and unharmed in a fiery furnace (see Daniel 3);
- He kept Daniel safe when the king placed him in a lions’ den (see Daniel 6:10–23);
- He preserved the life of Jonah in the belly of a whale (see Jonah 1–2).

And these are but a few examples.

We also see a miracle when God sent His only Son, Jesus, to reveal the heavenly Father as a supernatural God, and when His Son performed spectacular miracles, such as when He:

- Turned water into wine (see John 2:1–11);
- Healed the ten lepers, a centurion’s servant, a paralytic, Peter’s mother-in-law, and a deaf-mute (see, for example, Luke 17:11–19; Matthew 8:5–13; Luke 5:17–26; Mark 1:29–39; Mark 7:31–37);
- Straightened the back of the woman who had been bent for many years (see Luke 13:10–17);
- Healed the blind beggar by the pool (see Mark 10:46–52);
- Restored the sight to one who was blind from birth (see John 9:1–25);
- Raised the son of the widow of Nain from the dead (see Luke 7:11–17);
- Delivered the daughter of the Syro-Phoenician woman (see Mark 7:24–30);
- Raised Lazarus three days after his death (see John 11:1–27);
- Multiplied the bread and the fish and fed five thousand people (see Mark 6:30–44);
- Walked on water (see Matthew 14:22–33);
- Pulled money from the mouth of a fish (see Matthew 17:24–27);

- Cursed the fig tree causing it to dry up (see Matthew 21:18–21),
- And delivered a demon-possessed man (see Mark 5:1–20).

Most of all, we see it when Jesus surrendered to the cross, descended into hell, took the keys of death from Satan, and was raised from the dead before ascending to heaven and sending us His Holy Spirit. In addition, we see it in the miracles that took place in the early church. And we continue to marvel at the miracles, signs, and wonders God performs in the church today.

The Two Sources of Supernatural Power

- _____⁽²⁶⁾
- _____⁽²⁷⁾

Any supernatural power that does not come from God is from Satan. Therefore, we must be _____⁽²⁸⁾ to avoid being _____⁽²⁹⁾.

Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it.”
(Genesis 1:28)

Man was created with God’s supernatural power to exercise dominion and _____⁽³⁰⁾ on the earth. He was not created to trust solely in his natural abilities, mind, reasoning, or any other source of sensorial knowledge offered by the world. Man was created to walk in the supernatural power of God.

The Supernatural God Revealed Himself Through Jesus

And Peter answered [Jesus] and said, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.” So [Jesus] said, “Come.” And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.
(Matthew 14:28–29)

Walking on water is one of Jesus’ most awesome miracles. When Peter saw Him, he said he wanted to do the same thing and Jesus answered, “Come.” As soon as Peter started to walk on the water, however, he felt the strong wind and focused on the storm, took his _____⁽³¹⁾ off of Jesus, and began to sink. Notice that Jesus did not rebuke Peter for wanting to walk on water, too. On the contrary, Jesus encouraged Peter to do it. Why did Peter want to walk on water? What was his motive? Peter left the safety of the boat because he was prompted by the instinctual need for _____⁽³²⁾ power that resides in man, the desire to cross over the line from the natural into the supernatural. Unfortunately, that same instinctual need has led many men away from God and toward more destructive supernatural options, such as magic, witchcraft, diabolical games, false religions, satanic sects, idolatry, and much more.

Today, we will notice that some rely solely on their natural abilities, trusting only in science, technology, mathematics, philosophy, logic, and other branches of human intellect and _____⁽³³⁾. Others opt for witchcraft or other ungodly supernatural powers. Many fail to realize that their choices lead to idolatry and dissatisfaction. For this reason, God is raising a new generation with the audacity to leave the boat and walk on the water. This new generation wants more because God has placed that desire within them.

Today's Generation

When this generation goes to church looking for God's supernatural power, most do not find it because many churches preach a Jesus who is _____⁽³⁴⁾ and historic—a man from Sunday school stories. To these people, the powerful, supernatural, real, living, raised-from-the-dead Jesus remains a complete stranger. As a result, when people witness a miracle today, they are unable to believe it because they lack the _____⁽³⁵⁾ of the true Christ. Due to this lack of power in the church, many young people have returned to the world in search of another source of power—that of the devil.

Most young adults have never witnessed or heard about God's supernatural power due to their unstable faith founded on human wisdom rather than on the revelation of Jesus. Today, many seek “supernatural” power by other means, including drugs, alcohol, divination, and witchcraft. Their desire for power is good, but the way they are trying to satisfy this desire is evil. Therefore, they become easy targets for the devil, who seeks to destroy them.

Enemies of the Supernatural God

1. _____⁽³⁶⁾

Therefore my people have gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge.

(Isaiah 5:13)

When the people lack knowledge, they are held captive in their ignorance.

2. **Bad** _____⁽³⁷⁾

Theology is the study of God through the mind and reason. When we study God with improper motivation, or without inspiration, illumination, and revelation from the Holy Spirit, theology becomes carnal. We need theology, but only that which comes by revelation imparted by the Holy Spirit.

3. _____⁽³⁸⁾

Humanism is the collection of philosophical ideas that elevate man to the highest position in terms of esteem.

4. **The “Spirit of Jezebel,” or Witchcraft**

O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth...?

(Galatians 3:1)

The apostle Paul used the word “bewitched,” which means “to bring evil on one by feigning praise or an evil eye...to charm, to bewitch.” In Paul's mind, witchcraft was blinding the people's understanding and keeping them from recognizing the redeeming work of Christ on the cross.

The door to witchcraft is rebellion, which consists of stirring up or subverting any authorities established by God. Rebellion replaces divine authority with an illegitimate one.

5. **The Carnal Mind**

I want to clarify that it is not bad to have an intelligent, brilliant mind, as long as that mind is submissive to the leading of the Holy Spirit. The apostle Paul was a brilliant man, yet he learned to trust the illumination of the Holy Spirit rather than the carnal mind.

By nature, the carnal mind is anti-God.

What Happened at the Beginning of Creation?

The fall of man occurred when Adam substituted the revelation of God for the carnal mind, or mental knowledge and _____⁽³⁹⁾. He disobeyed the command of God:

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat. (Genesis 2:17)

After Adam sinned, time, space, and matter became the foundation of his reality. Sin took from him the ability to see into the spiritual realm. Today, the carnal mind still determines our reality until we are born again. When we receive Jesus, we begin the process of renewing our minds with God's thoughts. Our reality is determined by the level of revelation we have from Him. God gave us faith to enable us to exit the natural realm in which we had fallen.

What Can Take Us Beyond the Natural Dimension?

- Revelation, or _____⁽⁴⁰⁾ knowledge
- Faith

So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. (Romans 8:8)

We need to raise a generation of believers who are not afraid or skeptical of the supernatural.

Common sense and human reasoning can never produce a miracle.

The Church of Human Ability

The church today tends to operate on the basis of human abilities. If something doesn't fall within the scope of what is considered "normal," it is not to be _____⁽⁴¹⁾. Consequently, nothing supernatural ever happens. Why, then, do we even go to church? Would we go to our jobs if we didn't expect to be paid? Would we go to a restaurant if we didn't expect to eat? Why would we go to church if we don't expect to witness miracles or experience some supernatural event—a healing, a new song, a new sign, or a miracle? If none of these occurs in the church, something is not right.

Humanism has robbed us of this expectancy. Many leaders and ministers have become stagnant and irrelevant, failing to generate any change or affect an impact within their nations. The time has come to retake the path set by the early church and return once again to the revelation of the living Christ, raised, all-powerful, and supernatural.

Action Steps

- If you genuinely desire to know the supernatural God, ask the Holy Spirit to open your understanding and reveal His greatness, His majesty, His love, and His supernatural power.
- Receive this prayer: Right now, I declare by faith that your eyes, ears, and spiritual senses will be opened to receive a supernatural experience with the living, real, supernatural Christ.