

## REVELATION - GOD HAS REVEALED HIS WILL

### I. INTRODUCTION.

- A. The Word "Revelation" Is Translated From The Greek Word Αποκάλυψις - "Apokalupsis" Which Means "An Uncovering; To Draw Back The Veil." (cf. Dan. 2:22 cf. Deut. 29:29 and Matt. 10:26)
- B. The Bible Is God's Supernatural Revelation To Man. (Heb. 1:1-2 cf. Rom. 16:26; Eph. 3:1-9)
  1. Natural Religion is unrevealed religion: Man's attempt to know God by ordinary mental processes - the result? Complete silence!
  2. Supernatural Religion is revealed religion: God making Himself known to man - the result? The silence is broken!

### II. AIM.

- A. To Show That The Bible Is God's Own And Only Revelation To Mankind. (Read Amos 3:7 cf. 1 Pet. 1:10-12)
- B. To Realize That It Is By Supernatural Revelation That God Has Made Known:
  1. Himself.
  2. His Will.
  3. His Purposes.
  4. His Truth.

### III. OUTLINE.

- A. THE FACTS OF GOD'S SUPERNATURAL REVELATION.
  1. God, who is Spirit, is the object of revelation.
  2. History is the sphere of revelation.

3. *Supernatural* is the *method* of revelation.
  - a. Supernatural revelation is concerned with that which is above the natural.
  - b. Supernatural revelation is concerned with that which is beyond the power of the natural to disclose.
  - c. Supernatural revelation is concerned with that which is beyond the power of man to discover.
4. Supernatural revelation must:
  - a. *Relate to God*; Declaring who and what God is.
  - b. *Proceed from God*; Declaring who and what man is.
  - c. *Concern God and man*; Declaring that which God has purposed and provided for man.

B. THE FACT OF GOD'S SUPERNATURAL REVELATION.

1. A supernatural revelation is *possible*. (*Mark 10:27; Luke 1:37 cf. Isaiah 55:8-11*)
2. A supernatural revelation is *necessary*.
  - a. Without it *we could not know sin and its consequence*: Death and separation.
  - b. Without it *we could not know of God's character*: His holiness, justice, mercy, love and truth.
  - c. Without it *we could not know of God's great purpose and provision*: Man's salvation in Christ Jesus.
  - d. Without it *we could not know of truth*: God's will and way for all humanity.
3. A supernatural revelation is *probable*.
  - a. We have seen that a supernatural revelation is both *possible* and *necessary*.

- b. Since it is also true that the Creator loves His creatures and longs to bring them into fellowship with Himself (*John 3:16 cf. Acts 17:22-31*), then surely, a *supernatural revelation is easily and pre-eminently probable.*
- 4. A supernatural revelation is *believable.*
  - a. A supernatural revelation is *possible, necessary and probable.*
  - b. Therefore, a supernatural revelation is *overwhelmingly credible!*
- 5. A supernatural revelation is *reasonable.*
  - a. The Bible, God's Word, is *the historical record of intelligent and reasonable messages from God to man.*
  - b. It would be *most unreasonable and very strange* that the Author of our being, who has enabled us to communicate with one another, should never have communicated with us at all!

#### IV. CONCLUSION.

- A. *A Supernatural Revelation Is Certain.*
  - 1. The certainty of this revelation is seen in the Bible, God's revealed Word.
  - 2. The Bible claims to be *the* revelation of God to the whole world.
  - 3. The claims of the Bible are substantiated by its inspired prophecy and fulfillment, by the signs and miracles that confirmed the Word of God, and by the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Son of God. (*Rom. 1:4; 16:25-26*)
- B. *A Supernatural Revelation Is Absolutely Essential For Knowing God And His Will.*
  - 1. Human opinion and human reason are not sufficient guides in matters of eternal life and Godly behavior: They are diverse and contradictory. (*Jer. 10:23*)

2. Our world is hopelessly corrupt and is powerless to make itself better (*read Rom. 1:18-32 cf. 1 Cor. 6:9-10*): *It is the Bible alone, as the revelation from God, that delivers us from:*
  - a. *Ignorance, conceit and deception.*
  - b. *Hatred, cruelty and corruption.*
3. Humanity, in its longing for satisfaction and fulfillment, can only realize the *who, what, why and where* from God's supernatural revelation, the Bible: *God has spoken!* (*Heb. 1:1-2 cf. John 12:48-50*)