## **REVELATION** (PART III)

Galatians 1:11-20, "... For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ...." (Verse 12)

Let's listen further what God's Prophet said about "revelation":

You see, when a man or a person has once really come in contact with God, with that genuine, revealed faith that God is (*Heb. 11:6*), there's nothing, no time, nowhere, can ever separate that man from his God. I believe it was Paul said, "There's no strife, no hunger, no perils, neither living creatures, or death, or anything that can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus" (*Rom. 8:35-39*). You are securely anchored in Him because you were ordained to that Life.

But Satan thought he could twist him around a little bit, and cuff him up, and make him do it. But, you see, Job with his perfect revelation of God, and Who God was, and how God loved him, he waited. No matter what the circumstances was, he waited for his faith to be confirmed, because he'd had a grip on God, a revelation (*Job 19:25-27*).

Now, when the sick people, the crippled people, or you that have a need of God, when **you can get that type of a revelation that you are justified** (*Rom. 8:30; I Cor. 6:11*), when you are **actually justified** in asking the thing that you're asking for, and believe that He is a rewarder of those that diligently seek after Him, there's nothing can ever separate you from that faith that's anchored to you. See? **But first it has to be revealed to you.** [1]

When God says so, that's all there is to it. That's it. **If God made the promise,** hang your soul on it. If you can believe it, hang your.... If you don't believe it, stay away from it; it'll harm you. But if you believe it, stay with it, it'll take you to the victory (*I John 5:4*), just as sure as the world. [2]

Now, "faith" is a "revelation from God." Now, "faith" is a "revelation". It's a revelation. He has revealed it to you by His grace. It's nothing you did. You didn't work yourself up into faith. You never have faith, it's given to you by the grace of God (*I Peter 1:13*). And God reveals it to you, therefore faith is a revelation. And the whole Church of God is built upon the revelation.

And faith cometh by hearing, **revelation comes by hearing** (*Rom. 10:17*). It is an individual revelation, which is faith; **faith that's revealed.** 

A Baptist minister told me, not long ago, he said: "I just can't accept revelation." I said, "Then you cannot accept the Bible. You cannot accept Christ, because He is the Revelation of God. He's God revealed in flesh" (*I Tim. 3:16*). Therefore, the whole Church is built upon Divine revelation (*Matt. 16:13-20*).

Abel, by faith, revelation, (no Bible written in those days)... Abel, by faith, offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than that which Cain (*Heb. 11:4*). Which God testified, "He was righteous." How? By faith. How? By revelation! By

revelation, Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice, **because it was revealed** to him that it wasn't fruits of the field, it was the blood (*Gen. 4:3-4*).

That's why some people can believe It, and some can't believe It, some try to make-believe It.

In an audience of people, where a prayer line comes through, you'll find some... And they were all good people, we'll say. There's some that's trying hard to believe It, trying to work themselves unto It. Some just can't do it at all. And **others**, it's just by grace, it's just given to them (*Matt. 11:25-27*). Now, there is the difference. See? That does it. That's the real revelation, because faith is a revelation from God. It must be revealed first.

Jesus clearly expressed this when He said, "No man can come to Me except My Father draws him first, or reveals Me to him first." (*St.John 6:43-44*).

I want to tell you something else: Work on that pulsation, that spare of the moment, like Joshua did, like Mary Magdalene, all those. Just that moment when something is revealed to you, grab it. Hold to it, that spare of the moment.

Now, I can't make you believe; neither can you make yourself believe. God's got to give it to you. It's a gift of God to believe (*Eph. 2:8*). Not your faith, God's faith (*Mark 11:22*). Your intellectual faith might believe it fine, but unless the faith of God is down in your heart... (*Gal. 2:19-21*). See, your intellectual faith can accept it; do that and just keep believing it with all your heart until God does reveal it to you. See? Just keep believing it until God does reveal it. [3]

"Go on. Start praising the Lord." See, because it's in their intellectual until it comes into their soul.  $_{[4]}$ 

Now think it not strange that this is the case, for Paul set this pattern under the hand of God. **Paul alone had the full revelation for his day as evidenced by his confrontation of the other apostles who admitted that Paul was the Prophet-Messenger to the Gentiles for that day.** And also note by actual illustration in the Word, that when Paul desired to go to Asia, God forbade him, for the sheep (His children) were in Macedonia and they (the Macedonians) would hear what the Spirit had to say through Paul, while the people in Asia would not (*Acts 16:6-12*).

In every age we have exactly the same pattern. That is why the light comes through some God-given messenger in a certain area, and then from that messenger there spreads the light through the ministry of others who have been faithfully taught. But of course all those who go out don't always learn how necessary it is to speak only what the messenger has spoken (*II Tim. 3:10-17; I Cor. 4:6-7*). (Remember, Paul warned the people to say only what he said, *I Corinthians 14:37, "If any man think himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandment of the Lord. What? came the Word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?"*) They add here, or take away there, and soon the message is no longer pure, and the revival dies down. How careful we must be to hear one voice, for the Spirit has but one voice which is the voice of God (*John 10:27-30*). Paul warned them to say what he said, even as Peter did likewise. He warned them that even he (Paul) could not change one word of what he had given by revelation (*Gal. 1:6-12*). Oh, how important it is

to hear the voice of God by way of His messengers, and then say what has been given them to say to the churches.  $_{[5]}$ 

The biggest part of our faith is mental faith. By hearing the Word it brings us to a mental recognition of God. But if this coming from above, oh, brother, if it ever strikes this, there is a godly, spiritual faith. Then what does that faith do? That faith recognizes only the Word. No matter what anything else says, it only recognizes the Word, because "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (And the Word's still God.) And the Word was made flesh and dwelled among us" (*John 1:1-3.14*). And when the Word Itself is pouring into our faith, our mental faith becomes a spiritual revelation. "And upon this foundation I'll build My Church," not upon a mental conception of church joining, a mental conception of that, but upon the revelation. When them streams of grace has poured into that mental faith that you've got, then upon this, a spiritual revelation, "I'll build My Church and the gates of hell can't prevail against it." See? That shows they would be against it, but it'll never prevail. Oh, what a glorious thing. [6]

It also says that no man can call Jesus the Christ only by the revelation of the Holy Ghost that's revealed it to him (*I Cor. 12:3*). See? And there you are, right back around again, falls right back to the revelation. It's got to be revealed.

When Jesus was asked here in Matthew 16:17 and 18... He said, "Who does man say I, the Son of man, am?" One of them said, "You're Moses, Elias, or someone."

He said, "But who do you say I am?"

He said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

He said, "Blessed art thou, Simon, son of Jonas, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you; My Father which is in heaven has revealed this to you. Upon this rock..." The spiritual revelation of Who God is, Who Jesus is, and He is the revelation of God, God made in flesh and revealed to the world. He was in the world; God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself (*II Cor. 5:18-19*), revealing what God was in a body of flesh. "Thou art the Christ, the Anointed One, the Son of God."

He said, "Flesh and blood never revealed this to you, but My Father which is in heaven has revealed this to you. Upon this rock, I'll build My church (the revelation of the Word in Its season).

The Book of the Revelation is the last Book of the Bible. It's sealed to unbelievers. In there the Bible says in the 22nd chapter, "Whosoever shall take one word from It or add one word to It, I'll take his part from the Book of Life." We realize that then It was altogether given for believers. And it opens the Book of Revelation and reveals Who the Author of this entire Book is (He's to look upon as Alpha and Omega, from Genesis to Revelations, Jesus Christ just the same right straight through), and reveals His complete mystery of Himself and His plans for His church ages that's to come, and was sealed in there by seven seals.

Now, the Book was written, but then remember, It was sealed with seven seals. And these seven seals was not to be opened, Revelations 10, until the sounding of the last earthly angel on earth, *Revelations 10:7.* See? "And in the days of the sounding of

the last angel's Message, seventh angel, the mystery of God should be finished in that age." And **that's the age that we're living in.** 

We all know we're living the Laodicea age (*Rev. 3:14-21*). There will never be another age to it; it can't be. So we're living in the Laodicea age, and these seven seals that's held that Book is a mystery to people, should be open at that day. That's what He promised. Now, it won't be nothing outside the Word, because you can't add to the Word or take from the Word. It's got to remain always the Word. But the revelation is to reveal the Truth of It, what It is, to make It fit with the rest of the Scripture. And then God vindicates that to be the Truth.

See, God don't need no interpreter. He's His own Interpreter. He does His own interpretation by bringing to pass the things that He said would happen. Like in the beginning He said, "Let there be light," and there was light (*Gen. 1:3-5*). That don't need any interpretation. It was vindicated. [7]

Remember, Jesus talked to some sincere people, the worshippers of His day, and He said, "In vain do you worship Me" (*Mark 7:1-9*). True, genuine worship from the bottom of their hearts: **''In vain do you worship Me, teaching for doctrine the commandments of men,''** or their denominational creed. Sincere, reverently, just as religious as they can be, and that wasn't new just with the Pharisees. Cain and Abel, the first two worshippers that was born natural birth here on earth, absolutely came in the same attitude.

Cain was just as religious as Abel was. They both built altars. They both loved God. They both made sacrifices. They both worshipped. They both paid tithe. They both done everything just alike. **But Abel, by faith, which is the revelation, the Word of God revealed, made plain, showed out, and vindicated...** Glory! Cain made an offering, but God didn't vindicate it. God required worship, and Cain made the offering; but God didn't vindicate it. But by **the true channel**...

You say, "Well, my church is It. My ... "

Wait just a minute. God interprets His Own Word by Its terms that Its spoke in. See? Cain said, "I am religious. I am a lover of my Maker. I offer to Thee this fine altar. I offer to You this sacrifice. I built all these things up, Lord, because I love You." Abel said the same thing. Now, it's the one that's vindicated, the one that's proven. And God come down and received Abel's sacrifice, **because by revelation he had struck the true channel of God that was accepted.** 

Now, watch that Cain spirit come right down through the Scripture, right on to this very last day. **Fundamental? Just as fundamental as the other one was.** 

Look at the prophet Balaam and the prophet Moses. Both of them with seven altars (*Numbers 23:27-30*), Jehovah's altars, blood on each one; and not only that, but rams on each one. In numerology, exactly the right number, seven, "perfect," seven rams, just exactly like: both altars. As fundamental as one was, the other one was also. But who did God vindicate? The one that was in His Word. Fundamental doesn't mean too much; it's the revelation of God. [8]

Cain thought God dwelled in worldly beauty. He did that in heaven. Sin never began in the garden of Eden; it began in heaven when Lucifer, the son of the morning, exalted himself in beauty and wanted a more beautiful kingdom than that of Michael. And he thought that God dwelled in beauty (*Ezek. 28:11-17*).

And notice Cain. He didn't want no blood sacrifice. He come down and offered the fruit of the fields of beauty upon his altar. Very religious, done everything just exactly like Abel done, offered a sacrifice, fell down before God in worship, **obedient in every way, but without the revelation of the Word.** And the Word was from the beginning, God's plan. But God revealed by revelation the very thing that He vindicated and punctuated that that was right: not religion, not an altar, not belonging to church, not making a sacrifice, not being sincere, but by the revelation of the Word of God, God revealing to him that his mother did not take an apple that a snake give her, but she had a sexual affair with the person of Satan in the form of the beast, not a reptile, but the most smartest, subtlest of all the field, the image of man, only thing that the seed would mix in. Now, science is trying to find him. And they never will find him, because every bone in his body's changed. But the Bible declares it to be so (*Gen. 3:1-7*).

See the two opposing spirits at work in this evil age? Can you see it? Each very religious, Cain and Abel, spirits again coming to their heads, still same as they started: one worshipping by beauty, and by knowledge, and by education, and by science, and by ethics; and the other one by faith of the revelation of the Word of God.

But the Bride is part of the Groom, true to Him in every point, waiting the Wedding, uniting, not at the ecumenical council, but in the sky, the wedding supper (*I Thess. 4:15-17*). She has been given and revealed to Her the Seven Sealed mysteries of the Bible. She sees the folly of the deceiver, so very close to the Truth that almost deceive the Elected (*Matt. 24:24*); She sees it. [9]

But to the church, the Bride, the rapture is a revelation to her. It's revealed to her, that the revelation, the true Bride of Christ will be waiting for that revelation of the rapture.

Now, it is a revelation, for the revelation is faith. You cannot have a revelation without it being faith. Faith is a revelation, because it's something that's revealed to you. Faith is a revelation. Faith is something that has been revealed to you like it was to Abraham, that could call anything contrary to what had been revealed to him as though it wasn't so (*Rom. 4:16-22*). Now, faith... That's what faith is, is the revelation of God. The church is built upon a revelation, the whole entire body. [7]

Now, there's three elements that people live in. First is the humanistic. Second is Divine revelation. And third is vision.

Now, this, like in prayer, when you pray for anyone in humanistic, we say, "Well, I hope you'll get well. See, I'm hoping. I'm believing with you, trying to use all the faith I can." **That's human.** 

Second, is Divine revelation, when something's revealed to you. You just know in your heart it's going to happen, yet there's nothing but just the revelation.

And third is a vision. 'Course that's THUS SAITH THE LORD. That's perfect and positive. [10]

See: Here is the mystery. A mystery is scripture - is a previously hidden truth, now Divinely revealed, but which is a supernatural element still remains, despite the revelation. [11]

His mystery is only revealed to His beloved Bride. That's the only one could see it. [12]

As I believe it was Jesus said to Pilate, something, a word I was thinking, and He said there just a few moments ago, "Who told you that?" Or, "Was it revealed to you? How did you know these things?" in other words. I don't know just what the word is now; it's been a long time since I read it, but, "How did you notice what... How... Who revealed this to you?" It was about Him being the Son of God. "Who revealed it to you? Did some man tell you that? Or," as Jesus said, "is it My Father in heaven which has revealed it to you? How did you learn it. a secondhand or is it a perfect revelation from God?" (John 18:28-40).

Is this communion just something I go up for it, an order, say "Well, the rest of them take this, I will too"? It's a revelation that I'm part of Him and I'm part of vou, and I love you and I love Him, and we're taking this together as a symbol of our love to God, and our love and fellowship to one another. [13]

No man knows the things of God save the Spirit of God and he to whom the Spirit of God reveals them (1 Cor. 2:6-13). We need to call on God for revelation more than anything else in the world. We have accepted the Bible, we have accepted the great truths of it, but it still is not real to most people because the revelation by the Spirit is not there. The Word has not been guickened. [14]

We're not to make converts to Christianity by a government, but by the revelation of Christ in you as God was in Christ. As God was in Christ, Christ in vou (Col. 1:26-29). What God did in Christ, Christ does in you. What signs did God in Christ, Christ does in you. Oh, isn't that beautiful? Jesus said at that day (John 14:19-20) - that's this day - at that day, when this revelation is made known, you will know that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me, I in you, and you in Me, when the revelation is made manifest. At that day, ye shall know that I and the Father are One. I'm in the Father, and the Father's in Me. Then when the revelation comes forth, then it's I in you and you in Me. [12]

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