DIVINE REVELATION: FROM GOD TO MAN

Introduction

- 1) **Hebrews 1:1-2** God spoke to man *in time past* and has spoken to us *in these last days*
- 2) No one could know the things of God unless He revealed them to man (1 Cor. 2:6-12)
- 3) How has God revealed His mind, will, and purpose to man? How may we know the truth of God?

I) How God Revealed His Will In Time Past – Various times and different ways (Heb. 1:1)

- A) Direct voice communication (Gen. 3:9-10; 1 Sam. 3:10)
- B) Dreams, visions (Gen. 28:10-15; Ezek. 1:1)
- C) Writings (Deut. 31:24-26; Jer. 36:1-2)
- D) Prophets (Jer. 1:5-7; Zech. 7:12)

II) How God Has Revealed His Will Today – By His Son (Heb. 1:2)

- A) Jesus came to fulfill the Law (Matt. 5:17-18)
 - 1) The Law and the prophets were until John (Lk. 16:16)
- B) Jesus came to reveal and establish a new message, doctrine, covenant (Jn. 1:17; Matt. 4:17, 23; 26:28)
 - 1) He is the exclusive (one and only) source of the divine message given by the Father (Jn. 8:31-32; 12:48)
- C) Jesus promised to send the Comforter (Holy Spirit) who would reveal *all truth* (Jn. 16:12-15)
 - 1) The Godhead worked in unity to reveal truth (Jn. 15:26; 14:26)
- D) The Holy Spirit revealed all truth to the apostles and prophets (Eph. 3:3-5; Gal. 1:11-12)
 - 1) Spoken and written in words for human understanding (1 Cor. 2:12-13)
 - 2) Divine Revelation from God's mind to our minds what a blessing! Do we take for granted what God has given us?

III) The Bible – God's All-Sufficient and Complete Revelation

- A) All Scripture (sacred writing) is inspired (God-breathed) (2 Tim. 3:16 OT and NT)
- B) New Testament is the written revelation of Jesus Christ and our authority today
 - 1) Revealed truth preserved in writing (2 Thess. 2:15; 1 Cor. 14:37)
 - 2) The inspired canon (what books are divinely inspired) has been settled by the revelation of the Holy Spirit, not human wisdom (2 Pet. 3:15-16)
- C) All truth (the one faith) has been revealed (Jn. 16:13; Jude 3)
- D) Scripture all-sufficient to guide us into all truth (2 Tim. 3:17; 2 Pet. 1:3)
 - 1) No other authority given by God by which we will be judged (Jn. 12:48)

Conclusion

Must be careful to know and observe what is written – speak it (1 Pet. 4:11); not add to or take from (Rev. 22:18-19); not go beyond (1 Cor. 4:6; 2 Jn. 9); obey (Matt. 7:24; Jas. 1:25). The New Testament is where God speaks to us in these last days by His Son. Let us get *Back to the Bible!!*

