

Doctrines for Dummies

Lesson 1

Has God Revealed Himself to Man?

Revelation refers to God's acts to disclose Himself, His works, and His will. God generally reveals Himself to all mankind in the immensity, complexity, and order of His creation. God specially has revealed Himself through Scripture.

1. What is constantly declaring the glory of God (Psalm 19:1-2)?
2. Is man held accountable for believing in the existence of God (Romans 1:18-21)? Has God made Himself known "within" us as well?
3. Does mankind have an innate moral sense of God's laws (Romans 1:32) If any person seeks after God, has God promised to reveal Himself (1 Tim 2:3-4, Acts 2:21, Jeremiah 29:13, Matt 7:7, 1 Chron 28:9)?
4. What has the majority of the human race done with the innate, general, and special revelation of God (Romans 1:21)?
5. Throughout history there has been numerous visual and auditory manifestations of God. What are a few that we have records of (Exodus 19:16--20:17; 33:19--34:8; 1 Samuel 3:1-14, Joshua 5:14--6:5; Isa 6:1-8, Ezekiel 1:1-3, John 1:32-34)?

6. The Word of the Lord accompanies the appearances, visions, dreams, and visitations by the Lord's angelic messengers. Has God's program been revealed to us (Amos 3:7, Gen 6:13, Exodus 3:2-10, Heb 1:1-4)?

7. How does the author of Hebrews 1:1-4 make a distinction in how God revealed Himself in the Old Testament versus the New Testament? Who is Himself the Word of God (John 1:1)? How did Jesus reveal God (John 1:14, 18)?

8. How has God's grace and mercy toward rebellious mankind been revealed (2 Tim 1:9-10, Titus 2:11, Romans 5:8)?

9. Propositional (written) revelation from God has come by means of human mediation. How did God reveal Himself in writing using the Apostles like Paul (1 Corinthians 2:9-16), and how do believers understand it?

10. Prophecy is God's Word spoken and written by men. How did God's word become written down for our benefit (2 Peter 1:20-21, 2 Timothy 3:16)? How valuable is the inspired Word of God according to 2 Tim 3:16-17?