



## *The Spirit of Revelation is the language of Intimacy...*

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One of the Father's love languages is revelation. (The Father's other love language is forgiveness. In David's psalm of repentance (Psalm 51) you will find some of his greatest and deepest revelation.) Revelation comes forth in the process of repentance; Paul called it renewing your mind! This powerful truth was seen in Jesus. Paul came to understand this and prayed it over the church at Ephesus in the Book of Ephesians. We will touch this verse later but first let us fix our eyes on a comment Jesus makes about the Father's love. John 5:20 **"For the Father loves the Son, and shows him all things that himself does: and he will show him greater works than these, that you may marvel."** The word loveth in this scripture is "fileo" which means to be friend to or to be fond of, to kiss. Perhaps the kisses of his mouth are the very words from his lips. This is a kind of love that only comes from spending time with someone. This love is cultivated over time, this is not the "agape" eternal love of God that always was. This is an emotional love, which is proven by God when he opens our eyes to the unseen.

When the Father opens our eyes to the unseen it is he saying, "I love you." God's love language is revelation and our love language is obedience to the revelation that he gives us. This is impossible without wisdom. Paul the Apostle deeply understood this hence, Ephesians 1:17 "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him." Wisdom is the application of revelation to make fruitful that which God has revealed. God doesn't just give revelation hap hazardly, but with a purpose and a goal. The purpose is to bring us into a deeper love relationship and the goal is to establish the mystery of his will on planet earth. Humility is our posture if we are going to receive revelation from God. It's God grace that comes toward us so that we can put our faith towards him. Our faith towards him allows us to be used by him.

Revelation from God is what qualifies us to be used by God. Jesus said it like this, John 5:19  
“Then answered Jesus and said unto them, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.**” Here we see that the pure in heart will see God and what God is doing; if our heart is truly pure we will participate with what God is doing as Jesus did. While I was praying the other day the Holy Spirit whispered to me this “anything that does not come from the place of revelation is sin”. This is a very strong and serious word that causes us to deeply inspect every area of our life and ministry. What you may come up with is that if there is a lack of purity there will be a lack of revelation. Jesus never lacked revelation, because he was pure. Revelation comes into our hearts, so inspiration can come out of our mouths. If we do not have revelation how can inspiration come? This little phrase explains why people can fall asleep in church all over the western world like they are in a grave yard.

If we desire to have revelation we must ask God for it and then position ourselves to receive it, or we won't ever possess it. Many people ask God for revelation, but few people are willing to pay the price to position themselves to receive it. When revelation comes, you need understanding to come so that your revelation is converted to knowledge. When knowledge is used with wisdom God's purposes will be established and edification will come. A practical example of this would be when Jesus revealed himself to John the revelator and then gave him the understanding to write it all down and send it to the seven churches in Asia Minor. Some religious people use knowledge as leverage to control people instead of empower people, this is very dangerous! John the beloved used the knowledge God had given him the way God told him to, this is another way God proved John to be faithful. Faithfulness is another key to being one who God can entrust revelation to. A person will have as much revelation as God can trust them with.

Another way we continually receive fresh revelation is, we remember what God has done and thank him and he will reveal what is doing and will do. When we honor what God has done, we become

a part of what he is doing. Declaring what God is doing makes you a part of it, for the Spirit of Prophecy is the testimony of Jesus. In Mark 6:52, Jesus' disciples did not remember the miracle he had previously done concerning feeding the 5,000. When our heart is hard we cannot remember what God has done. All we can see is our situation. It is pretty interesting how the hardness of our heart affects our spiritual sight. In John 21, Jesus was on the seashore cooking fish for the guys. John the revelator was the first to recognize and declare that it was Jesus. There are a few ways that John could identify it was Jesus, the first way is that my sheep hear my voice. At the sound of Jesus' voice John could have clearly recognized it was him. It could have been after they, Peter and him and the other disciples, caught the 153 similar to their experience in Luke 5:4-10. Here Jesus told them to throw their nets into the deep and the catch broke their nets. John could have identified Jesus either by what he said or by what he had done. Another possibility could have been that John could recognize Jesus from far away because he was close to him. The point of all this was that revelation comes and then knowledge is released. The revelation was that Jesus was on the shore, this happened inside the heart of John. The knowledge comes to the rest of them when John says "it is the Lord."

The revelation of Jesus to us is the Father telling us that we are loved and we are his. John the revelator called himself "the disciple whom the Lord loved". John got his identity from the Jesus' love. When our identity is wrapped up only in the love of God there is no limit to what he can show us, as long as it doesn't contradict what he revealed in his Word. God's only limitation is that he cannot lie because he is the truth. If your revelation makes God's word a lie, it is not revelation it is the spirit of divination. The spirit of divination can also give you accurate revelation from the wrong source. When a price tag is put on revelation it is also the spirit of divination, see Acts 16:14-18. True revelation from God will purify your motives with the fear of the Lord as you receive it, so you do the right thing with it. Revelation of Jesus comes from the Father. It is the Father's good pleasure to reveal Jesus. Peter received a revelation from the Father concerning Jesus being the Son of the living God. Jesus said to him blessed are you

Simon bar- jonna for flesh and blood has not revealed it to you but my Father which is in heaven. Here the revelation of Jesus came from the Father. Another time in the Gospel of Mark there was a demon-possessed man saying concerning Jesus “you are the Son of God”. Jesus told the demons to be quiet and come out of the man and they obeyed him, as they must! These spirits were called “unclean spirits” yet they were bringing forth accurate revelation. Jesus stopped them because the revelation was unclean and would defile those who heard it, because the source of it was unclean! You can have the truth, but the truth may not have you! There was a man in Matthew 7 who had good doctrine and knew Jesus was Lord, he was even a little charismatic and did some miracles yet Jesus did not know him. Signs and wonders are supposed to point to a person, his name Jesus. Jesus stopped the revelation coming out of a demon because revelation is supposed to lead to knowledge, and if the Father was not drawing them they could not come to know Jesus.

Revelation is an invitation to conversation and impartation. Jesus desires us to be conformed to his image; this cannot happen if he does not reveal himself. As He reveals himself we yield to this revelation. Then we become what we behold and we are conformed into his image as our spirits gaze upon and are fascinated by him alone. There is nothing more beautiful than when the Holy Spirit by the Father’s wisdom reveals his glorious Son Jesus! The spirit of revelation is not just about life answers for circumstances but it is primarily about revealing Jesus. When Jesus is revealed, life’s circumstances become smaller and smaller and we learn to sleep in storms when we build our house on the one who sleeps in storms. Someone who has revelation will be a very peaceful person. When the revelation we received truly becomes a part of us we will be peaceful. The scriptures say, “Be still and know that I am God.” The Spirit of revelation comes and brings us the knowledge of Jesus when we are still enough to wait upon the Lord! The more we can wait on the Lord the more he has won our heart! We will make time for who and what we value.

Standing with others in their darkest hour will bring the light of God's face on us. John the revelator stood with Jesus in his darkest hour. Even when the Father could not look at him, John did. This won the Father's heart and the Father revealed Jesus to John like no one else in history ever, hence the book of Revelation. Jesus also said you have not because you ask not! One of the keys to possessing revelation of the one who possesses you is simply to ask him! Understanding the Father's love is the source of revelation, makes it so much simpler! The Father loves you and he wants to reveal the dearest person to him, Jesus! I hope you were inspired and encouraged to want to know Jesus more! That was the point of the article, if not I failed!

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