

A close-up photograph of a brown leather book cover. The cover features a simple, embossed cross in the center. A decorative border with ornate, scroll-like corner pieces is embossed around the perimeter. The book is resting on a dark, textured surface, possibly a chair or another book. The lighting is warm, highlighting the texture of the leather.

God's Word Is

Revealed

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All Scripture is given by the inspiration of God.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

The Bible is much more than a simple book. It's the Book that shows us more about God Himself, shows us how to live Life the way God intended and teaches us how we can be Born Again by the Grace of God.

2 Peter 1:20-21

20 Knowing this first that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

God speaks to his people through Jesus words and the Holy Spirit. He speaks through answered prayer, through circumstances and through the teaching of his word.

When Moses encountered God at the burning bush, God spoke to Moses. It was very clear to Moses that God was the one speaking. There was no room for doubt. Not only was that, but God's message to Moses all too clear. Moses knew exactly what God said. Moses' conversation with God changed Moses' life. Following the encounter, there was no doubt to anyone that his life had changed.

All through the Bible, we see instances of God speaking to people. He spoke to Adam and Eve. He spoke to the prophets. He spoke to Noah, Jonah, etc. In the New Testament, He spoke to Jesus, His disciples, the Apostle Paul, even the multitudes. When God spoke, those who heard generally knew it was God. They generally understood what He said. In many case, their lives were changed by the encounter.

The Lord has revealed his salvation

Psalm 98:2

The LORD has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

This is a psalm of praise anticipating the coming of God to rule his people. Jesus fulfilled this anticipation when he came to save all people from their sins (98:2, 3), and he will come again to judge the world (98:8, 9). God is both perfectly loving and perfectly just. He is merciful when he punishes, and he overlooks no sin when he loves. Praise him for his promise to save you and to return again.

God will make known his covenant.

Psalm 25:14

The secret of the LORD is for those who fear Him, And He will make them know His covenant.

"The LORD is a friend to those who fear him." God offers intimate and lasting friendship to those who revere him, who hold him in highest honor. What relationship could ever compare with having the Lord of all creation for a friend? Your everlasting friendship with God will grow as you respect and honor him.

God made known his ways to Moses.

Psalm 103:7

He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the sons of Israel.

God's law was given first to Moses and the people of Israel. God's law presents a clear picture of God's character and his will for his people. It was God's training manual to prepare his people to serve him and to follow his ways.

The Lord made known his deeds to Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 11:18

Moreover, the LORD made it known to me and I knew it; Then You showed me their deeds.

This section concerns the broken covenant, and a rebuke for those who returned to idols after Josiah's reform. Jeremiah's rebuke prompted a threat against his life by his own countrymen. As Jeremiah suffered, he pondered the prosperity of the wicked. As he brought these words to a close, he used a rotten linen loincloth and filled jars of wine as object lessons of God's coming judgment.

The wrath of God is revealed against all ungodliness.

Romans 1:18

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

Why is God angry at sinful people? Because they have substituted the truth about him with a lie (1:25). They have stifled the truth God naturally reveals to all people in order to believe anything that supports their own self-centered lifestyles. God cannot tolerate sin because his nature is morally perfect.

God will manifest his word at the proper time.

Titus 1:3

But at the proper time manifested, even His word, in the proclamation with which I was entrusted according to the commandment of God our Savior,

"God" here refers to the Father. Jesus did the work of salvation by dying for our sins, and, therefore, he is our Savior. God planned the work of salvation, and he forgives our sins. Both the Father and the Son acted to save us from our sins.

God speaks to Abram.

Genesis 12:1

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you;

John sees the conflict between God and Satan. He sees the source of all sin, evil, persecution, and suffering on the earth, and he understands why the great battle between the forces of God and Satan must soon take place. In these chapters the nature of evil is exposed, and Satan is seen in all his wickedness

The things God showed Jesus, he revealed to the world.

John 8:26

"I have many things to speak and to judge concerning you, but He who sent me is true; and the things which I heard from Him, these I speak to the world."

People will die in their sins if they reject Christ, because they are rejecting the only way to be rescued from sin. Sadly, many are so taken up with the values of this world that they are blind to the priceless gift Christ offers.

God does nothing unless he reveal it to his servants the prophets.

Amos 3:7

Surely the Lord GOD does nothing Unless He reveals His secret counsel To His servants the prophets.

Even in anger, God is merciful: He always warned his people through prophets before punishing them so they could not rationalize or complain when judgment came. Warnings about sin and judgment apply to people today just as they did to Israel. Because we have been warned about our

sin, we have no excuse when punishment comes.

None are wiser than those that God has informed.

Genesis 41:39

So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has informed you of all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you are.

Joseph rose quickly to the top, from prison walls to Pharaoh's palace. His training for this important position involved being first a slave and then a prisoner. In each situation he learned the importance of serving God and others. Whatever your situation, no matter how undesirable, consider it part of your training program for serving God.

An invitation is given to open your heart's door to Jesus

Rev. 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

To ask Jesus to come into your heart please pray this Prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Christ, the Son of the Living God. I ask you to forgive me of my sins and coming into my heart. I accept you as savior and will follow you as Lord. Amen.

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