

Levels of Revelation

On the mount of transfiguration, Moses and Elijah (representing law and prophets) point to Jesus as the fulfillment of Old Testament scripture. Jesus is therefore the light which reveals God’s ultimate saving purpose to which the law and prophets point.

Big Idea: In order to know God, our eyes need to be opened by the Spirit to see Jesus through the scriptures.

The Word is God Spoken

The Father’s role in revelation

2 Timothy 3:16 “All Scripture is breathed out by God.”

Hebrews 1:1 “God spoke to our fathers by the prophets.”

Conclusions

The quality of the Scripture is determined by the character of its divine author.

Inerrancy – Scripture cannot err

Infallibility – Scripture cannot fail you

Examples (space for notes)

The Word is Spirit Illuminated

Two ways of reading Scripture

Plain meaning vs. a deeper, Christ centered meaning

Jesus’ humble appearance vs. his radiant appearance.

The letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

The veil being removed

Jesus is REALLY THERE in the Old Testament, just invisible unless you have the right frame of reference.

Seeing spiritually

1 Corinthians 2:12-13 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³ And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

The Word is Christ Centered

It's all about Jesus!

Luke 24:25-27, 31 “And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.” ... “And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.”

Romans 3:21-22 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

Dale Bruner comments, “In the Synoptic Gospels, God the Father talks directly to earth only twice . . . and both times God says exactly the same thing . . . the single most important fact that God wants the church and the world to know.”

Genesis 22, a case study

So!

1. Jesus loves you. The whole Bible is pointing to this central reality of God's mercy and grace, his loving pursuit of us.
2. Ask the spirit to help you understand his word. Ask him to open your eyes to see Jesus.
3. See all of scripture as one unified story - because God is the center of reality.
4. Worship Christ! When we behold the glory of his death and resurrection for us, our hearts move in love for him.
5. ENJOY THE VIEW!

Questions for Personal Study

1. How would you describe the difference of reading the Bible spiritually versus naturally?
2. Why is it important to see Jesus as the center of Scripture? Give an example of an OT passage whose meaning is enhanced when viewed in light of Christ.
3. Do you rely on the Spirit to open your eyes, or rely on your own intelligence to understand God? Why don't you pray more?
4. The central message of the whole Bible is that God purposed, before the foundation of the world, to redeem a people for himself for his own glory through Christ and his death and resurrection for us. In other words, he loves you. Is there any particular way you need to hear about this today? This week? This month? This year?