

Reflect and Respond

TGU-04 The Great Unveiling Series

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- 2 Corinthians 3:16–18

Progressive Unveiling

• Through Creation

- Psalm 19:1–4 ... The heavens proclaim the glory of God.
- Romans 1:19–20 ... Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities
- A.W. Towzer - The Pursuit of God *"We are living in a secular age. Our thought habits are those of the scientist, not those of the worshiper. We are more likely to explain than to adore. God is present in the world and is persistent in his efforts to communicate with mankind."*

• Through His Son Jesus

- John 1:1...The Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- John 1:14... So the Word became human and made his home among us
- Hebrews 1:3 (NLT) — 3 The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God...
- John 14:9 ... Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father!
- John 17:6 "I have revealed you to the ones you gave me from this world

• Through His Followers

- Romans 8:29 For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son,...
- 2 Corinthians 3:18 ...see and reflect the glory of the Lord.
- 2 Corinthians 5:20 (NLT) — 20 So we are Christ's ambassadors;

Mixed Reactions

• Creation

- Romans 1:25 ... they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself

• Jesus

- John 16:20 ... you will weep and mourn over what is going to happen to me, but the world will rejoice
- John 15:23 Anyone who hates me also hates my Father.
- Isaiah 53:3 (NLT) — 3 He was despised and rejected... We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care.

• His Followers – John 15

- If the world hates you, remember it first hated Jesus
- You chose to come out of the world, so it hates you
- Since they persecuted me, naturally they will persecute you

An Aroma with mixed Reactions

- 2 Corinthians 2:14–16 ...Now he uses us to spread the knowledge of Christ everywhere, like a sweet perfume... To those who are perishing, we are a dreadful smell of death and doom. But to those who are being saved, we are a life-giving perfume.

Ready to Respond

- **Elijah** to Ahab and Israel – 1 Kings 18
 - Ahab to Elijah - You troublemaker
 - Elijah to Ahab – You and your family are the troublemakers
 - Elijah to Israel – how long will you waiver between two opinions
- **Joshua** 24:15 ...choose today whom you will serve.
- Mark 16:16
- Acts 2:37–38

No Matter the Outcome

- John 15:20
- **Queen Esther**
- **Moses** - Hebrews 11:26.
- Hebrews 11:35 - Maybe rescued, but maybe not
- Such confidence and certainty about the next life that you are unwilling to compromise in this life
- Hebrews 10:36–39 (NLT) — 36 Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will... we are not like those who turn away from God to their own destruction.