

TEACHER NOTES:

C. EXPECTATION of Revelation to come

- 1. 1 Pt. 1:13
- 2. 1 Cor 2:9
- 3. Eph 1:17
- 4. Rom 16:25
- 5. Rev 1:1

There was not any revelation given by God that was intended to remain with the original receiver alone. That Truth was to be received, meditated upon, and applied to his own life and then given to others. 2 Tim 2:2 *“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.”* God finished His work of revelation with the completion of the cannon of Scripture. He now expects us to apply those Truths today. When was the last time that God spoke to you from His Word? Did you apply that revealed Truth to your life? It is unlikely you will ever share God’s Word with others until you first experience the value of applied Truth in your own life.

LESSON ONE DEFINITIONS

- Imparted – To communicate the knowledge of something; to make known
- Inspiration – The infusion of ideas into the mind by the Holy Spirit; the communication of the divine will to the understanding by suggestions or impressions on the mind, which leave no room to doubt the reality of their supernatural origin.
- Megaphone – a portable, usually hand-held, cone-shaped acoustic horn used to amplify a person’s voice or other sounds and direct it in a given direction.
- Originate – To cause to be; to bring into existence.
- Preservation – The act of keeping from injury, destruction or decay.
- Progressive – The act of progressing forward or onward movement; a passing successively from one member of a series to the next; succession; sequence.
- Translation – The act of turning into another language.

REVELATION  
- A Few -  
God reveals Himself  
to individuals who  
then tell others



REVELATION  
GOD ILLUMINATES A FEW



# LESSON ONE: REVELATION

## God Illuminates A Few

A FEW

A PEOPLE GROUP

A GENERATION

THE WORLD

**NOTE: The following introductory material is essential in order to provide a solid foundation for the progressive nature of the lessons.**

*Illuminate* is defined by Noah Webster as “*to enlighten; to throw light on, to supply with light.*” Illumination is the process by which the Holy Spirit of God takes what a human being hears preached or what he reads from God’s Word and enlightens his hearing or his mind (Rev. 2:7, 17). Each individual has been created with an innate awareness of God that God Himself desires to illuminate. It is an awareness of a darkness void of the light that only God’s dear Son, the true Light of the World, can fill (Jn. 1:9; Rom. 1:20). Even the most primitive, remote, and unlearned people all over the world have a belief system acknowledging a higher power who requires appeasement and worship. We see that even nature itself screams of a higher Power that coordinates it all, a Creator (Ps. 19:1).

God’s plan has always been to awaken man’s mind with truth by illumination. He has a four-part plan by which to do just that. Each piece of the whole plan is progressive, reaching a larger audience than the preceding pieces. Throughout these lessons, we will look at each of these pieces individually.

- **REVELATION** is the first piece. God revealed truth, but it was limited to that individual’s memory to convey it to others.
- **INSPIRATION** is the second piece of God’s plan. This piece allowed the Revelation to be accurately written as well as be more accessible. This would enable the “truth” to illuminate, not just the individual who received it and the ones with whom they shared it, but also everyone else who could read or hear it read to them in that language.
- **PRESERVATION** is the third piece of God’s plan. Accurately copying God’s Revelation in a specific language made the illuminating Scriptures available from generation to generation.
- **TRANSLATION** is the final piece necessary for the illumination of the entire world. Translation is necessary in order for this preserved, inspired, illuminating revelation to be taken to all nations, not just to those fortunate enough to speak the original languages of the Scriptures (2 Pt. 3:9).

The level of illumination expands as the next piece of God’s plan is set in place. Each piece has been designed to enlighten more people than the previous one. **The illumination is progressive.**

God originally spoke to man as a means by which to illuminate him with a revelation of truth. Jesus, the Living Word of God, was the perfect Revelation from God, taking on the form of human flesh (Jn. 1:1, 14). He came to earth and enlightened man with how everything should bring glory to the Father. The Holy Spirit was later sent to illuminate what had been written down and preserved and to show how it lifted up Jesus Christ. Each successive element of God’s illuminating plan brought enlightenment and a greater level of understanding than the preceding element.

- Revelation is the first piece of God’s plan to illuminate mankind with absolute truth.
- It is imperative that we understand that **all truth originates from God the Father** (Ps. 25:5, 10; Ps. 33:4; Ps. 119:151).
  - Not only is He the *originator* of all truth, **He is all truth** (Deut. 32:4; Ps. 100:5). He simply revealed truth (Himself) to people, and they were to tell others of that revelation.
  - God used handwriting on a wall to reveal a particular prophecy to individuals in Daniel 5. He also used men as His “megaphones” to proclaim His truth. Men such as Adam were instrumental in teaching generations of people at the beginning. Noah, in Genesis 5-9 was also used in this way; God imparted truth to him *personally*. This truth was then manifested in his life, when by faith, coupled with complete obedience, he built the ark. He also informed others of this truth by warning them of what was to come. David tells us that God’s Words were in his tongue (2 Sam. 23:1-2). When Jesus came to this earth, God, in the flesh, began to walk amongst people and to teach them personally. His method of “fulfilling the law” (Matt. 5:17) was done for the purpose of bringing glory to the Father (Jn. 10:38; Jn. 14:13; Jn. 5:30). This method brought illumination not only to the Jews, but also to those who would accept the truth Jesus revealed, as seen in the account of the Samaritan woman at the well (Jn. 4).

The Holy Spirit was sent after Jesus ascended up into heaven. He would be the method by which Jesus would always be glorified, just as Jesus always glorified the Father (Jn. 16:14). He would do this by explaining God’s revealed truth and by giving personal instruction from it to anyone who would follow it (Jn. 16:13). Anyone, regardless of culture, country, color, or creed, who, having accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, becomes indwelt by this same Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:9, 11). He can then begin the work of illuminating us with the already revealed and recorded truths (1 Cor. 2:10).

Illuminating revelation literally went from God to a man, and from that man to mankind. **Revelation is God giving His Word verbally to a few men as the first piece in getting His Word to the world.**

*“Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.” 1 Pt. 1:12*

- I. The **ORIGIN** of Revelation:
  - A. All truth comes from the Father.
  - B. All truth comes through the Son (Jn. 17:17; Jn. 1:1).
  - C. All truth becomes realized (understood) by the Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 2:14; Jn. 14:26; Jn. 15:26).
- II. The **OBJECT** of Revelation (how God revealed it):
  - A. Hand writing upon the wall (Dan. 5)
  - B. Man is used as God’s **MEGAPHONE**.
    - 1. Noah (Gen. 5-9)
      - a. He was **IMPARTED** Truth by God.
      - b. He **INITIATED** this Truth in his life by building the ark by faith/obedience.
      - c. He **INFORMED** others of this Truth by warning them.
    - 2. David - 2 Sam. 23:2 “*The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my tongue.*”
    - 3. Jeremiah - He received the revelation from God in Jeremiah 1-29; then God instructed him to record it in chapters 30 and 36.
- III. The **OBJECTIVE** of Revelation:
  - A. **ENLIGHTEN** mankind about:
    - 1. Origin of all things (Gen. 1-3)
    - 2. Precepts, laws, judgments, testimonies
    - 3. Promises from God
    - 4. Warn us of impending danger
    - 5. Prophecies of things to come (Messiah, end times, etc.)
    - 6. Reveal to us His person and personal attributes
    - 7. Give us Direction
  - B. **ENLIST** men to broadcast it to others, not to just keep it for themselves.
    - 1. Noah
    - 2. Moses
    - 3. Paul (Gal. 1:12)
    - 4. John (Rev. 1:1)