

## The Revelation of the Holy Spirit

### Psalm 119:18

“Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.”

- Notice he didn't ask for open eyes to “read your law” or even to “understand your law.” The psalmists asked for something we rarely think about when we open the Word. He wasn't talking about his physical eyes. He was talking about the eyes of his heart. The process of seeing spiritual things through the eyes of the heart, and not just the mind is called revelation. And revelation can only come by way of the Holy Spirit!!
- Psalm 119:12 He says, “Praise be to you, Lord; teach me your decrees.” In other words, he is saying, “I don't want to just read your Word, I want to understand your Word.” He realizes that he can't do it on his own.
- Too many of us pick up the Bible and read it like we are reading a magazine. We read the facts but have no revelation to the truth. Facts inform you, but truth transforms you. Case and point: Golden calf!!
- Exodus 19:5-6 “Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”
- Then God told Moses to have all the people to gather around the foot of Mt. Sinai. This was Gods big meet and greet. God made His introduction and gave them the Ten Commandments. Afterwards He called Moses up to give him a hand written copy.
- Meanwhile, the people started to complain that Moses was taking too long. So they went to Aaron and said build an idol so that we can worship it and we will say that, “This is our God who brought us up out of Egypt.” WOW, What a slap in the face to Jehovah. This is a people who have been in slavery for 430 years. They

have seen the plagues, the sea parted, manna from heaven, water flowing from a rock and yet they did this sinful act against a faithful God.

- This is a people that did not know their God. They had seen his work but refused to know His heart.
- If we repeatedly read the Bible without the help of the Holy Spirit, it tends to reinforce our own prejudices and doctrinal positions. In other words, we only read it to be proven right and not to receive revelation, or be changed and marvel at His love towards us. We become hardened by our own version of the truth and we have convinced ourselves that everyone else is wrong and you are right.
  - This happened to Jesus. The religious leaders had the facts about the Messiah and they all had their own preconceived ideas about what he would do when he got here. Jesus didn't fit into their theology because their hard hearts were darkened—even as they taught from scripture.
- The fact was they were too blind to see that the Messiah the scripture promised was standing face to face with them.
- Without the help of the Holy Spirit to understand the meaning of what we read, we see only what we want to see in the Bible, it loses all power to transform us.
- When we pick up the Bible and don't ask for the Spirit's help, it's like saying, "God, do a new thing in me, but I'm not going to change anything I believe. No wonder we grow so little in our faith and see so few converted to Christ."
  - William Law, an eighteenth-century English devotional writer, said, "Thousands stand ready to split doctrinal hairs and instruct others in the fine meaning of Scripture words---but there are so few through whom the Holy Spirit can work to bring people to new birth in the Kingdom of God." Illustration: debating speaking in tongues with someone while my buddy listened in confusion. She was Baptist and I'm A/G and my buddy is an unbeliever.

- Often we get our definition for important things not by what the Spirit shows us in Scripture, but by what we saw growing up in church. We cling to tradition and shun Scriptural truth.
- If we don't wait on the Holy Spirit, trusting him, we can grow cold and fall out of communion with God even while having devotions every day. But if we allow the Spirit to teach us, oh the understanding, the joy, and insight that comes from the Word. 1 Corinthians 2:12 "We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us."
- Paul wrote, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived – The things God has prepared for those who love him, but God has revealed it to us by His Spirit." 1 Cor. 2:9-10