

New Creation Realities

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The Explanation

No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him. NASB
John 1:18

To many people, God is a riddle, much like, say, Mathematics or Organic Chemistry is: hard to understand.

You go through the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John and you get the distinct sense that the Jews had misunderstood and misread God. You see frustration in the Lord Jesus' voice as He dealt with the Pharisees.

I don't know how you've read, but to me there's a pervading sense of frustration and gloom in the Old Testament, on both God's part and on the part of the people.

Many times, you see Him pleading with them to do what is right as you read the Psalms, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, and Jeremiah's lamentation, Joel, and the rest of them.

But you perceive that they didn't understand Him, didn't get the point. You see that the people themselves were weary and at their wit's end.

Have you ever read the Book of Lamentations? That book represents the despair of humanity in the throes of sin and punishment.

The Old Testament is summarized in **Romans 3**, where **Psalms 14** is quoted:

11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

In a sense, the Old Testament, in summary, is a question. It tells us what the problem is, what the situation was. It tells us what the state of man was: helpless. If the Bible ended in the Old Testament, we would have been in trouble. There is hope in the Old Testament, but there is no deliverance for us in it.

Our deliverance and victory is the New Covenant with the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus for us.

Then you see that the Lord Jesus is the answer to the question.

John says, “...**the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him**”.

All that God has been trying to say to man through the ages is fully expressed in Christ. He is the explanation of God!

In Christ Jesus, God is no more a riddle or a mystery. He is demystified, if you like. He is explained in Christ.

Everything that God is saying to man is in Christ Jesus. All the will of God is fully expressed in Him.

If you have a question about how God would react in a situation, you can safely go the Bible and say, “How did the Lord Jesus react in the same situation?”.

Let's chew on **Hebrews 1:3** a bit.

He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature...NASB

The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God... New Living

This is talking about the Lord Jesus. He is the EXACT representation of God and expresses God's very character.

All the will of God is His Son is expressed in His Son. His love and commitment to man is fully demonstrated in the Cross, the Resurrection and His Sitting Down at the Father's right Hand.

Many people tend to go with their own perceptions of God. Many carry over their ethnic/religious views of God into their Christianity. That won't work.

This is why we study the Bible: to give us a clear view of God's nature and character as expressed in Jesus of Nazareth.

He said, “**If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father**”.

And we are now in Him. We are in the One in whom God's fullness! We are One with Him. We are One Spirit with Him.

In My Name

The senses are dangerous teachers. Experiences, even if based upon works of consecration, of hours of prayer, of confession of sins, cannot be trusted.

The Word alone, as unveiled in the Pauline Revelation is the only safe guide. Don't misunderstand me.

You cannot be guided by the teachings of John the Baptist and of Jesus as recorded in the four Gospels in regard to any experience, unless that teaching of the four Gospels is confirmed, explained, in the Pauline Revelation, or with Peter's and John's unveiling in their Epistles.

In the four Gospels, Jesus is dealing almost exclusively with the Jews, the 1st Covenant people, who were natural men, spiritually dead. In the Pauline Revelation, He is dealing almost exclusively with the New Covenant people.

Never preach experiences. PREACH THE WORD! The man who preaches experiences and talks of experiences becomes a dangerous leader.

Let Love interpret the Word. Let Love govern every action, every decision of your life. Remember, that the Word is Love speaking to your heart, not always to your reasoning faculties, but to your heart.

As a child of God, never seek experiences. Nearly all the experiences are in the senses and these experiences do not give faith in the Word. They give faith in Man's word. They believe in healing because they saw men healed. They believe in speaking in tongues because they heard them. I believe in healing because the Word teaches it. I believe in speaking in tongues because the Word teaches it, not because someone else spoke in tongues, or been healed, or has had some other wonderful experience.

Never give an experience the first place in your life. The Word must have that.

~ E. W. Kenyon in *The Blood Covenant*

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