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We know God, because God has made himself known.

Man can know the revealed God; this confirms that God exists.

Do you know the God who has made himself known?

The infinite God has taken the initiative to manifest Himself to humanity, we will call this "REVELATION."

God's Revelation:

1.General Revelation: God communicating to all people at all times, in all places.

"By seeing the perfection of creation we can know a perfect God, who is reflected in his creation." Thomas Aquinas

- In Nature (His creation). Psalm 19:1
- In History. (Israel) Job 12:32
- In the same Man.
- In the moral impulse of man. (sense of duty)

They show that they have God's law written on their hearts, because their own conscience and their own thoughts either accuse them or indicate that they are doing the right thing. Romans 2:15

- In the Religious Nature of Man:

"The foundation of religion is in the intuition of the infinite within the finite" - Friedrich Shleiermacher.

Particular Revelation: God communicating Himself to particular people at specific times.

God Himself allowed these people at definite times in human history to enter into a redemptive relationship with Him.

The Lord had said to Abram,... I will make you a great nation; I will bless you...all the families of the earth will be blessed through you." Genesis 12:3

The goal is not only to increase our knowledge of Him, but it is meant to bring us into a personal relationship with Him.

This particular revelation is:

- Personal: Exodus 3:14
- Relational: God makes covenants with individuals (Adam, Noah, Abraham, David) and with nations.
- Remedial: It remedies man's distance from God.
- Understandable to man: God revealed Himself in forms, ideas, and concepts that we could understand and relate to. A revelation in human language, thought, and actions.

How did this special revelation come to us?

Within the plan of communication and approach of a loving God it was required that this truth could be available to all human beings, hence it is in His wisdom that the Bible (Old Testament and New Testament) was conceived, the book that compiled God's communication:

"Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: "Write in a book all the words I have spoken to you." Jeremiah 30:2

In Historical events.
God chooses a man "Abraham" and from him gives birth to a nation, the people of Israel, with a historical journey and a particular purpose: "To reveal God to the world".
God demonstrates who He is through His actions and His communication in His relationship with Abraham and with the nation He begat (the people of Israel).

I am the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Exodus 3:6

In the Divine discourse.

God not only reveals Himself by His actions but also speaks to people, revealing who He is, His plan, and His will.

The Lord gave the following message to Joel, son of Petuel. Joel 1:1

In the Incarnation.

The God who wants to reveal himself takes an even clearer step, God reveals himself to man by becoming man.
Jesus' life is the culmination of God's revelation, because He is God.

Long ago, God spoke many times and in various ways to our forefathers through the prophets. 2 And now, in these last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance and, through the Son, he created the universe. Hebrews 1:1-2

Jesus in his teaching, actions, attitudes and affections, reveals to us who God is.

Jesus answered, "Those who have seen me have seen the Father!" John 14:9

The culmination of God's revelation is found in the life of Jesus. His miracles, teachings, death, and resurrection; that is, the story of redemption, is the surest way to know God.

We proclaim to you the One who is from the beginning, whom we have seen and heard. We saw Him with our own eyes and touched Him with our own hands. He is the Word of life. He, who is life itself, was revealed to us, and we saw Him; and now we testify and announce to you that He is eternal life. He was with the Father, and then he was revealed to us. 1 John 1:1-2

The Word of God: (Scripture or Bible)

All Scripture is inspired by God and is helpful in teaching us what is true and in making us see what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and empower His people to do every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

The origin of Scripture:
It is inspired by God.

Specific revelation is God's communication to specific people at definite times.

Inspiration is related to transmitting that truth from the first recipients to other people, with the influence of the Holy Spirit.

The Bible is then the compilation of books that— inspired by the Holy Spirit—communicate God's revelation.

The usefulness of Scripture:
Useful for teaching what is true.
Useful to make us see what is wrong in our lives.
Useful for correcting when we are wrong.
Useful in teaching us to do the right thing.

The Purpose of Scripture:
To know God.
May the man of God be enabled for every good work.

Have you missed God's Revelation?

High Priest Hilkiah said to Shaphan, the court clerk: "I have found the book of the law in the temple of the Lord!" Then Hilkiah gave the scroll to Shaphan, and he read it. 2 Kings 22:8

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep, and they know me." (John 10:14)

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Questions and Passages for Further Study

Jesus answered, "It is written, Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:4

1. Getting to know each other:

Discuss as a group: How important is the Bible to you? and How is this importance reflected in the way you interact with it?

2. Inside the Bible:

General Revelation: Read Psalm 19 Together

- Notice together all the words that refer to communication and language in this passage.
- How far does this communication from God resonate?
- How far do your words go?

Read Romans 1:19-20

- Paul talks about how no one has an excuse for not knowing God through what He created.
- How would you share God through General Revelation (nature, the history of Israel, man himself)?

3. Application for Life:

The Specific Revelation: The Bible in its narrative of the history of God's people, divine discourse, and incarnation: Read 2 Peter 1:19-20 together.

- Peter exhorts us to HEED the prophetic word (the Bible) that we have access to in God's plan.
- Answer as a group:

How much do we trust the Bible as God's Word?
How well do we know the Bible as a way to know God better?
How much are we feeding our spirit through daily Bible reading?
How can we better disciple those in our household in the habit of Bible reading? What could we implement for this?

For the Family Altar:

Rate how well you apply/obey what the Bible says in each of these different circumstances (1 being very Bad and 5 being very Good).

How well do I obey the Bible when...?
-When they ask me to obey something that costs me.
-When I get angry.
-After spending a good time with God and feeling him close
-When others pressure me to do something that God does not like.
-When a temptation comes into my life.
-When everything is going super well and I'm happy

How did it go? Let's share with each other what we can do to get a better grade at all times. What can we do to show that the Bible is important in this family?

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