



Lesson 1: Progressive Revelation

The LORD's Progressive Revelation about His Plan of Redemption.....

NOTES FOR LECTURE 1
Progressive Revelation – Becky

1. Old Testament Scriptures are applicable for the Believer today:
 - a. **Hebrews 4:12** – *For the Word of God is alive and powerful....*
 - b. **II Timothy 3:16-17** – *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching...*
 - c. **II Timothy 2:15** – *Study....rightly dividing the Word of Truth...*
 - When the New Testament writers refer to “the Scriptures” they are referring to the Old Testament. The New Testament did not enter the canon until later.
 - The Old and New Testaments shed light on one another
 - d. **Matthew 13:52** – *...out of the storeroom, new treasures as well as old.*

2. The Spirit of God progressively revealed His appointed plan of redemption throughout history – it has always been there, just hidden.
 - a. **I Peter 1:10-12** – *...the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care...*
 - b. The eternal gospel (the good news) has never been about keeping the law; it has always been about the fact that **God alone saves** by grace through faith.
 - Before the cross: By believing that He would save
 - After the cross: By believing that He did save
 - c. **Galatians 2:15-16** *...because by the works of the law no one will be justified.*

3. Believers throughout the ages understood that God Himself is their Redeemer
 - a. **Romans 3:22-25** – *...and all are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus...because He had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished.*
 - b. **Job 19:25-26** – *I know that my Redeemer lives... in my flesh I will see God*
 - David wrote frequently about God, his Savior and Redeemer:
 - c. **Psalms 18:46** – *The LORD lives!... Exalted be God my Savior!*
 - d. **Psalms 19:14** – *...LORD (Yehovah), my Rock and my Redeemer.*
 - e. **Isaiah 43:11** – *I, even I, am the LORD, and apart from me there is no savior.*

4. Significant reasons for the giving of The Law (Torah or Teachings):
 - a. To show people their need for a Savior
 - **Romans 3:20** – *...through the law we become conscious of our sin.*
 - b. To create a hedge of protection for blessing and reward

- **Psalms 19:7-11** – ...by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
5. The Appointments, as revealed in the Torah, give us a picture of God’s purpose from ancient times.
- a. **Isaiah 46:9-10** – *Remember the former things, those of long ago... I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come.*
 - b. The former things are hidden unless we have a Hebrew perspective for context and clarity
 - c. They are hidden unless we are a new creation with reliance on the Holy Spirit
 - **II Corinthians 5:17** – *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here!*
 - **John 16:12-13** – ...when the Spirit of truth comes He will guide you into all the truth.
(Refer to, **The LORD’s Progressive Revelation, Chart #1**)
 - We must hear His Words; *Shema* – to listen with the intent to obey (believe)
 - ♦ **Quenching** – refusing to do the good thing that God is calling you to, thereby putting out the Spirit’s fire
 - ♦ **Grieving** – staying in unrepentant sin and rebellion so that the Spirit does not speak to you
 - **I Corinthians 2** – *God has revealed it to us by His Spirit...*
6. If we lack wisdom and/or understanding, we are to ask and believe that He will teach us.
- a. **James 1:5-6** – *If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt...*
 - b. **Hebrews 11:1** – *Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we cannot see.*
 - c. As we learn to be certain that our Creator has kept His Appointments in the past, we will learn to be certain that He will keep them in the future.
 - d. Pray each week that your certainty will grow into expectancy.

Homework after Lecture 1
Prepare for Lesson 2 - Introduction

To get the most out of any study the student must interact with the material. The following questions and Scripture references are prompts meant to familiarize you with Scripture and encourage you to think deeply and discover the LORD's truth for yourself.

1. Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-16.

- How long has "God's wisdom" been hidden?

- How has it been revealed and to whom?

2. What is the difference between the Spirit of the world and the Spirit of God? How does this affect a person's understanding of the things of God?

- In this passage, why does Paul say that we have received the Spirit from God?

- Have you received the Spirit from God?

3. Refer to **The LORD's Progressive Revelation, Chart # 1**. Read over the verses on this list and spend some time meditating on them. Circle the verbs that represent God communicating with His people.

- What does the LORD tell us to do in order for Him to teach us what we do not know?

- According to these Scriptures, what does the LORD make known to us?

- Does the LORD act before He reveals His plan to His servants?

 - According to these Scriptures will Christians know and understand more of His plan at an appointed time?
3. Read Mark 14:49 and Luke 24:27.
- As Jesus walked with the disciples he explained about himself using Scripture. What Scriptures had been written down at that time?
4. Read II Peter 3:16, Hebrew 4:12 and II Timothy 3:16-17.
- In these letters to the early church, to what part of our Scriptures (God's Word) were the authors referring?
5. Having learned how the LORD reveals truth to His prophets who are listening, what changes will you make during your quiet time with Him while you search the Scriptures....?
6. Read Leviticus 23:1-44.
- Understanding that the word **feast** represents the Hebrew word meaning "an appointment or a fixed time or season," to whom do these Appointments/Feasts, belong?

- Do your best to list the seven appointments, or feasts, noting the verses.

- Were you familiar with any of the appointments prior to this study? Which ones?

Malachi 3:6 (NIV)

⁶I, the LORD, do not change. So you, O descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed.

