

WHAT WE SHOULD EXPECT OF GOD'S REVELATION

Heb. 1:1-5

INTRODUCTION

1. God speaks through nature, Acts 14:17.
 - (a) Savages attribute nature to false gods.
 - (b) Being merciful, yet demanding of his creatures, he *now* demands of us repentance, Acts 17:26-30.
2. It became necessary for God to speak through his Son, Matt. 17:1-5; John 1:1-18; Heb. 1:2.
3. Then it was necessary for Christ to come that we might have the knowledge of God. . . .

WE MUST EXPECT GOD'S WORD TO BE:

1. *Perfect*, because He is perfect, Psalm 19:7.
 - (a) As to simplicity. (Sermon on the Mount)
 - (b) As to literary value, (Paul's speech on Mars Hill, Acts 17:22-31)
 - (c) As a guide, 2 Tim. 3:16, 17.
 - (d) Made to meet man's needs (Job 32:8), to stand all quakes in human society.
2. *Eternal*, 1 Peter 1:25.
 - (a) Never obsolete, Matt. 24:35.
 - (b) Up-to-date in every country for all time, meeting man's every spiritual need.
 - (c) Indestructible. Infidels have tried to destroy it.
 - (d) More than ever in any age.
 - (e) The marvel of the ages, 2 Tim. 2:9.
3. Its decrees are *binding* on man.
 - (a) By Christ's words we are to be judged, John 12:48.
 - (b) Essential of prayer, Prov. 28:9.
 - (c) "He that obeyeth not the Son shall not see life," John 3:36; Heb. 5:9; 1 Cor. 4:6.

4. *Finished, completed*, I Cor. 13:10.

- (a) No continued revelation: if so, which of the many contradictory claimants are receiving it?
- (b) No more inspired messages since the apostles, for
 - (1) They received all guidance, John 16:13-15.
 - (2) Paul said such would cease, I Cor. 13:8-10.

Suggested Hymns:

1. "The Precious Book Divine".
2. "Precious Words".