

## Hebrews 6.17

### Revealed by Promise

What is the measure of God's abundant goodness? I believe that one of the most overlooked and yet most profoundly awesome things God does consistently is the wonder of His self-revelation. We are not owed any display of God's nature, no hint of His power, love, holiness or beauty. Creation itself declares the glory of God and that should be enough. We are given every opportunity in nature and its wondrous diversity to see the fingerprints of God **everywhere!** Romans 1 makes it plain that God has shown us His nature in all that He has made and that there is enough knowledge of God shown in every blade of grass to condemn every man woman and child ever born.

*Romans 1:20–21 (NKJV)*

*<sup>20</sup> For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power*

*and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, <sup>21</sup>  
because, although they knew God, they did not  
glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became  
futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts  
were darkened.*

So when we think about the fact that not only DOES God speak beyond His creation to show us who He is, but He also gives us His word AND He also has actually gone so far beyond as to make sure that we see and understand; we must fall before Him in awe and worship!!

## **I. GOD IS GOOD BEYOND MEASURE -**

God is forever dealing with us better than we deserve and no one has the right to accuse Him of faithlessness, nor being stingy with His good toward us... He is always dealing with us abundantly, it is His nature.

A. Abundant pleasures, and abundant fullness

*Psalm 36:8 (NKJV)*

*<sup>8</sup> They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house, And You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures.*

B. Abundant pardon for sin -

*Isaiah 55:7 (NKJV)*

*<sup>7</sup> Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the Lord, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.*

C. Life abundant

*John 10:10 (NKJV)*

*<sup>10</sup> The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*

D. Abundant mercy

*1 Peter 1:3 (NKJV)*

*<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,*

## **II. HE REVEALS HIMSELF TO US**

A. His display is for the "heirs of the promise"

There is a wonderful truth hidden here that we need to understand. The Greek Literal in Hebrews 6.17 for confirmed is **<emesiteusen>** it means to intercede or to interpose Himself between us and the wrath that is aimed for us. He will save us and He will be found faithful!

*Romans 8:17 (NKJV)*

*<sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.*

*James 2:5 (NKJV)*

*<sup>5</sup> Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?*

- B. He does not show miracles, signs, wonders, give promises etc. for those who are not His children
  - 1. either already alive or
  - 2. those who are chosen but not yet regenerated...
  
- C. This display is designed to show us the perfection of His will and counsel - This is not the display that He is making OF us to the powers and principalities in the heavenly places (Eph 3.8 et al) but rather it is one of the ways that His irresistible grace transforms our minds and hearts to believe. The knowledge of His promise, and our burgeoning belief in it, is part of the way that we come to be given the faith that changes us... it is part of the gift of God.

He calls us to enter into relationship with Himself and deigns to speak to us and with us -

*Isaiah 1:18 (NKJV)*

*<sup>18</sup> “Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the Lord, “Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.*

### **III. HE REVEALS HIS ETERNAL PURPOSE**

A. He is always willing to speak of His purpose to His people

**Amos 3.2-8**

B. God never changes His mind, nor His plan, nor His will

*Psalm 33:11 (NKJV)*

*<sup>11</sup> The counsel of the Lord stands forever, The plans of His heart to all generations.*

- C. He does not alter anything of His nature nor does his purpose veer from the path of His own eternal intention.

*Job 23:13–14 (NKJV)*

*<sup>13</sup> “But He is unique, and who can make Him change? And whatever His soul desires, that He does. <sup>14</sup> For He performs what is appointed for me, And many such things are with Him.*

- D. It is this which is the steadfast hope of our salvation

*Malachi 3:6 (NKJV)*

*<sup>6</sup> “For I am the Lord, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.*

#### **IV. HE ALONE IS WISDOM**

- A. He does not take counsel from anyone, but rather, He is the source of all true wisdom and counsel.

*1 Timothy 1:17 (NKJV)*

*<sup>17</sup> Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever.  
Amen.*

*Jude 25 (NKJV)*

*<sup>25</sup> To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever.  
Amen.*

- B. There is none who has the right to question Him or demand an explanation

**Daniel 4.33-37**

- C. Thus there will never be any new information that God will receive that changes anything; He will do all that He has purposed (esp 10)

**Isaiah 46.9-11**



D. There will never be any differing circumstances that will alter the eternal purposes

E. There is never any surprise, never any new plans nor changed ones, we are fickle, God is changeless!

*Proverbs 19:21 (NKJV)*

*<sup>21</sup> There are many plans in a man's heart, Nevertheless the Lord's counsel—that will stand.*

1. He never regrets His decisions

*Romans 11:29 (NKJV)*

*<sup>29</sup> For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.*

2. Although there are times when He appears to regret his decisions - but these are mere anthropomorphisms. They are tools whereby He teaches His servants to know His nature better. To understand and participate in His purposes.

F. His very thoughts are creative in perfect wisdom

**Isaiah 14.24-27**

G. His counsels and plans will ALWAYS come to pass exactly at the right time and exactly in the right manner - -He NEVER fails; remember our God declares –

*'My counsel shall stand,  
And I will do all My pleasure,'*