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Revelation Brings Transformation

When the revelation of God, of Jesus and Holy Spirit comes, change happens to your heart.

”Now when Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, Who do people say that the Son of Man is? And they answered, Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets. Simon Peter replied, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Then Jesus answered him, Blessed (happy, fortunate, and to be envied) are you, Simon Bar-Jonah. For flesh and blood [men] have not revealed this to you, but My Father Who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter [Greek, Petros—a large piece of rock], and on this rock [Greek, petra—a huge rock like Gibraltar] I will build My church, and the gates of Hades (the powers of the infernal region) shall not overpower it [or be strong to its detriment or hold out against it]. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind (declare to be improper and unlawful) on earth must be what is already bound in heaven; and whatever you loose (declare lawful) on earth must be what is already loosed in heaven. [Isa. 22:22.]“

Matthew 16:13-14, 16-19 AMPC

In the above scriptures we see Jesus ask the following questions:

1. Who do people say I am?
2. Who do you say I am?

The first question showed Jesus how uncertain His disciples were about Who (Jesus is), so He made a follow up question. A more direct and personal one. We of course know that among all 12 of them, only Peter got a revelation of Who He is.

Jesus made a big deal about this that Peter received.

Jesus said Peter’s revelation is from His Father in heaven.

Jesus said revelation is not of flesh and blood, but a supernatural experience released from heaven.

Jesus said this kind of revelation, a seeing of Who He (Jesus is) is a power that not even the gates of hell can prevail.

As you continue to meditate on these scriptures remember, Paul said, “I always pray.” In another translation, he said, “I cease not.”

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This prayer requires constancy, fervency, diligence, and an attitude of understanding which will help you see clarity and wisdom in applying yourself to pray these prayers not just for yourself, but for those you are praying for to be saved, to be changed, and to be delivered.

”For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints (the people of God),“

Ephesians 1:15 AMPC

Paul was relentless in praying for the Saints because revelation is key to overcoming the onslaught of the enemy.

”[For I always pray to] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him,

By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set-apart ones), And [so that you can know and understand] what is the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power in and for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength,

Which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His [own] right hand in the heavenly [places], Far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named [above every title that can be conferred], not only in this age and in this world, but also in the age and the world which are to come.“

Ephesians 1:17-21 AMPC

What then is revelation to you? Do you understand the power of change revelation will do to you, and to others, and to our corporate body?

So keep on meditating.