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The Desire for Revelation

Paul, in praying Ephesians 1:17-23, prayed that they might come to more fully experience the knowledge of God in active intimacy (Ephesians 1:17-19) as the only way to walk in the glory of these spiritual blessings (Ephesians 1:3-14) in this life.

This prayer for active intimacy with God has one general request with three specific requests that flow out the main one. Paul understood that intimacy with God was the essential foundation for us to experience the three specific requests (Ephesians 1:18-19).

1. It is helpful to know that Paul's primary prayer focus was that people know or encounter God by receiving the spirit of wisdom and revelation.
2. In other words, to receive living understanding (divine illumination) as God the Spirit reveals God the Father and Son to the human spirit.

Our greatest need is to receive a greater measure of the spirit of wisdom and revelation. This is almost always the greatest need of your loved ones (saved and unsaved), ministries, cities, nations or governments that you pray for. Satan's most common attack is the opposite of this by releasing accusation and deception to confuse our hearts.

Our eyes being enlightened explains what it means to receive the spirit of wisdom and revelation. In other words, our minds are enabled to perceive God and God imparts grace to our affections to love God and feel His presence.

God's glory is helps us sustain a lifestyle of receiving His supernatural influence on our heart. This is the most neglected spiritual treasure on this planet.

The unaided mind cannot receive revelation because it is living understanding from the Spirit. We have received the Spirit that we might know the things freely given to us by God. "The natural man (unaided mind) does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them" (1 Cor. 2:12-14). "Blessed are you... flesh and blood has not revealed this... but My Father in heaven" (Matthew 16:17).

The Spirit reveals God by enabling our human capacities to receive more. Thus, it takes a lifestyle that aggressively pursues the things of the Spirit to receive more of the Spirit. The strongest eyes are useless when a person is in total darkness. The natural man has no spiritual sight. His eyes do not perceive Jesus' power and beauty.

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The Scripture is more than intellectual ideas, but it is a divine revelation, an unveiling of spiritual things which requires supernatural abilities and produces spiritual effects on the "eyes of our understanding being enlightened." In other words, we must pray for this as the top priority in our life. This must not be reduced to "our minds receiving new ideas."

God as light imparts insight, holiness, and happiness with anointed encounters.

To have revelation is to have an encounter with God.