

# Honouring Revelation

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## Key Text

Isaiah 11:2-5

We need to allow God to redefine our filters that we use to interpret and interact with God. Currently there is a common concept amongst Christians where there is a divorce between the secular and the sacred, however this is unhelpful to living the Christian life.

Living in our fallen world requires us to reconcile what we experience in daily life and what we read in the scripture. God's omniscience means that when we submit our will to His perfect plan there can appear to be no logical rationale in different circumstances, because He can see the big picture whereas we are limited in our foresight. Our experience needs to conform to God's will.

We rely heavily on what we see in the physical and on our prior experience. Our purpose is to enable others to have a relationship with God. Understanding revelation is similar to learning a foreign language. Jesus used everyday terms and concepts to relate to spiritual principles. In a similar manner, when sharing biblical concepts with our secular culture, we can employ modern, cultural references to teach supernatural concepts.

God can talk to us through dreams and secular songs, because the key filter we should employ is 'the fear of the Lord'. He uses a variety of different methods to communicate with us, because we have different filters that prevent us from listening and receiving revelation from God in everyday life.

### *Interpreting through our desires*

Eze 14:4 teaches that God will sometimes give us what we want, even though He knows that it is not in our best interest. Therefore, when praying, we should surrender our desires to God.

### *Interpreting through principle*

Christians need to be careful, because human reason is not perfect. Pro 26:4-5 appears to be two contradictory statements in purely logical reasoning.

## Practical Application

Revelation requires us to surrender to it. God is the God of self-revelation, as He wants to be intimately involved in our lives. Our lives are the loudest message of our walk with God. Our confidence needs to be in God and delight in the fear of the Lord. Waiting on the Lord is important.