

Receiving Personal Revelation
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Introduction

See What You Have Not Seen Before – See With Different Eyes

I, Nephi, having been born of goodly parents, therefore I was taught somewhat in all the learning of my father; and having seen many afflictions in the course of my days, nevertheless, having been highly favored of the Lord in all my days; yea, having had a great knowledge of the goodness and the mysteries of God, therefore I make a record of my proceedings in my days. (1Ne 1:1)

1. Goodly Parents teach their children somewhat in all their learning.
2. Lord has favorites, even varying degrees of favoritism.
3. Favored people see many afflictions.
4. Favored people receive great knowledge of the goodness and the mysteries of God.
5. Favored people keep records.
6. Learn to see what you have not seen before. Pay attention

Learn to Enquire. Remember to Enquire.

- Revelation to Oliver Cowdery:

14 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, blessed art thou for what thou hast done; for thou hast inquired of me, and behold, as often as thou hast inquired thou hast received instruction of my Spirit. If it had not been so, thou wouldst not have come to the place where thou art at this time.

15 Behold, thou knowest that thou hast inquired of me and I did enlighten thy mind; and now I tell thee these things that thou mayest know that thou hast been enlightened by the Spirit of truth;

16 Yea, I tell thee, that thou mayest know that there is none else save God that knowest thy thoughts and the intents of thy heart....

23 Did I not speak peace to your mind concerning the matter? What greater witness can you have than from God? (DC 6:14-16,23)

1. Learn to enquire. Remember to enquire.
2. Mind is enlightened by the Spirit of Truth
3. You often need revelation to know you are receiving revelation.
4. You need revelation to understand revelation.
5. Only God knows thoughts and intents of the heart. However...
6. God speaks peace to the mind.

- Nephi's encounter with his brothers:

7 And they said: Behold, we cannot understand the words which our father hath spoken concerning the natural branches of the olive tree, and also concerning the Gentiles.

8 And I said unto them: Have ye inquired of the Lord?

9 And they said unto me: We have not; for the Lord maketh no such thing known unto us.

10 Behold, I said unto them: How is it that ye do not keep the commandments of the Lord? How is it that ye will perish, because of the hardness of your hearts?

11 Do ye not remember the things which the Lord hath said?—If ye will not harden your hearts, and ask me in faith, believing that ye shall receive, with diligence in keeping my commandments, surely these things shall be made known unto you. (1 Ne 15:7-11)

- Brother of Jared led his people by revelation to the sea shore, then decided that was all they needed. He didn't call upon the Lord for 4 years.

14 And it came to pass at the end of four years that the Lord came again unto the brother of Jared, and stood in a cloud and talked with him. And for the space of three hours did the Lord talk with the brother of Jared, and chastened him because he remembered not to call upon the name of the Lord. (Ether 2:14)

- ? How would you like to be chastened (chewed out) by the Lord for 3 hours?

Revelation Comes In Many Ways

- Speak peace to your mind (DC 6: 23 read earlier)
- A still small voice

30 And it came to pass when they heard this voice, and beheld that it was not a voice of thunder, neither was it a voice of a great tumultuous noise, but behold, it was a still voice of perfect mildness, as if it had been a whisper, and it did pierce even to the very soul— (Helaman 5:30)

- In your mind and heart

2 Yea, behold, I will tell you in your mind and in your heart, by the Holy Ghost, which shall come upon you and which shall dwell in your heart.

3 Now, behold, this is the spirit of revelation; behold, this is the spirit by which Moses brought the children of Israel through the Red Sea on dry ground. (DC 8:1-2)

- Enlighten mind and fill soul with joy

12 And now, verily, verily, I say unto thee, put your trust in that Spirit which leadeth to do good—yea, to do justly, to walk humbly, to judge righteously; and this is my Spirit.

13 Verily, verily, I say unto you, I will impart unto you of my Spirit, which shall enlighten your mind, which shall fill your soul with joy;

14 And then shall ye know, or by this shall you know, all things whatsoever you desire of me, which are pertaining unto things of righteousness, in faith believing in me that you shall receive. (DC 11:12-14)

- Bring things to remembrance

26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. (John 14:26)

- Must study – Burning in bosom, feeling of right, forget thing that is wrong

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7 Behold, you have not understood; you have supposed that I would give it unto you, when you took no thought save it was to ask me.

8 But, behold, I say unto you, that you must study it out in your mind; then you must ask me if it be right, and if it is right I will cause that your bosom shall burn within you; therefore, you shall feel that it is right.

9 But if it be not right you shall have no such feelings, but you shall have a stupor of thought that shall cause you to forget the thing which is wrong; therefore, you cannot write that which is sacred save it be given you from me. (DC 9:7-9)

- Dreams
- Visions
- Words and thoughts as you teach others
- My 2 hour teaching experience with HG.
 1. I had to be able to ask the question.
 2. Answer was always a scripture.

Learning to Receive Revelation

- Preparation – thoughts, words, actions, music, entertainment, people, **scriptures, prayer**
- Pray a lot receive a lot. Pray little, receive little.
- Time – reduce interruptions. Don't hurry, be patient
- Place – spiritually quiet
- Prayer of thankfulness & humility
- Start by asking yes and no questions
- Ask the right question
- Ask a question and its inverse – easier to tell yes from no
- Calibration: ask questions you already know to see what it feels like
- Get your spouse or trusted friend/companion to also enquire
- Obey or receive no more