1. God gives revelation in the end times (Matt 5:15)
   1. No one, after he has lighted a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts it under a [dining table] couch; but he puts it on a lampstand, that those who come in may see the light. For there is nothing hidden that shall not be disclosed, nor anything secret that shall not be known and come out into the open. Be careful therefore how you listen. For to him who has [spiritual knowledge] will more be given; and from him who does not have [spiritual knowledge], even what he thinks and guesses and supposes that he has will be taken away. (Luke 8:16-18)
      1. According to the *One Man Bible*: With the emphasis on *what has not been known*, this means that all spiritual mysteries will be revealed. These are the things pertaining to the second coming and end times, with many variations and explanations floating around. It also refers to disobedience and sinful behavior that will be exposed on Judgment Day.
         1. The *One Man Bible* has notes and interpretations by Reverend Morfort who studied Hebrew under Rabbi Eliezer Ben-Yehuda, the grandson of the Eliezer Ben-Yehuda whose lifetime work made Modern Hebrew the national language of Israel. From 1993 through 1999 he discovered much about the idioms of that time period and key concepts of that age which give insights to the word of God.
   2. Use this verse when you pray, ask God in Jesus’s Name to grant you revelation concerning your part in these end times.
2. Knowing Jesus Opens Heaven
   1. Several levels of “knowing” Jesus
      1. Before the resurrection, the disciples knew Jesus as a man but still didn’t quite get the fact that He was God, too.
         1. Philip asked Jesus to show them the Father. Jesus replied, Anyone who has seen me has seen the father… (John 14:7)
      2. After He rose and they saw Him ascend to Heaven, they *knew* He was God.
      3. We must not only know that He is the Son of God, but He must be our Lord and Savior
         1. Even demons know that he is God’s Son and they tremble (James 2:19, Matt. 8:29, Mark 1:24; Luke 4:34)
         2. “Landlord” is the land owner. Only through belonging to Jesus do we receive from the open Heaven.
      4. Spending time with the word of God, worshiping the Lord, and meditating on the Word will deepen our relationship with the Lord. We should strive to draw close to Him through the Holy Spirit each moment of each day.
         1. Converse with the Holy Spirit each day. Ask Him for guidance for all things.
         2. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal Jesus more to you in all things.
   2. After being filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, “great grace (loving kindness and favor and goodwill) rested richly upon them…” (Acts 4:33 AMP)
      1. The Holy Spirit brought to light when they were being deceived. (Acts 5 - the property that was sold and misrepresented.)
      2. “numerous and startling signs and wonders were being performed…” (Acts 5:12)
   3. Prayer Highlight
      1. “Father, I desire that they may be with me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me…”
         1. Where is Jesus in His Glory? In Heaven.
         2. I believe this is a prayer for us to visit Jesus in Heaven (our spirit)
   4. Ephesians 4:18 - We have access to the Father by the Holy Spirit
3. Key 2: Knowing How Close Heaven is
   1. We need to be aware of the times
      1. Don’t let it get you into fear! “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” (2 Timothy 1:7)
         1. Quote this verse if fear comes upon you or if your mind needs help.
         2. Equip yourself daily in the armor of God until you KNOW you are equipped: “I thank you God for the helm of salvation, the breastplate of righteousness, the belt of truth, and placing the Gospel of peace upon my feat. I hold the shield of faith before me and I wield the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God.” (Eph 6:14-17)
   2. It is okay to desire spiritual gifts
      1. “…earnestly desire and cultivate the spiritual gifts…” (1 Corinthians 14:1)
   3. God will renew your strength if you begin to grow tired.
      1. “Those that hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagle; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint” (Isaiah 40:30-31)
      2. “Who (the Lord) satisfies your mouth [your necessities and desires at your personal age and situation] with good so that your youth, renewed, is like the eagle’s.” (Psalms 103:5)
         1. I pray this over each meal I eat, and in the morning as I look at my wedding picture with a cup of coffee in my hand. This way I remember clearly what my youth looks like!
   4. We are to shine God’s light to the world
      1. Our light shines by our good works: they give God glory (Matt 5:14-16)
         1. The closer we are to Jesus, the more revelation He brings
         2. The more we know about God and how He wants us to function in these end times, the more we can let God’s light shine
4. Next Week: Read Chapter 3 & 4