Revelation

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[0:00] A Pastor's Reflections, Revelation, Genesis 40, verse 8. And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it.

And Joseph said unto them, Do not interpretations belong to God? Proverbs 25, 2. It is the glory of God to conceal a thing, but the honor of kings is to search out a matter.

1 Corinthians 2, verses 9 and 10. But as it is written, Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither has entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for them that love him.

But God has revealed them unto us by his Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. In Genesis 40, Joseph was given the task of caring for two of Pharaoh's top officials.

These men were in prison for being suspected of conspiring against Pharaoh, and it would eventually be seen that one man was guilty, while the other innocent.

During their time in prison, God reveals to each man in a dream his future plans. What neither of these men know is that God cares enough about each of them to place in their very midst the one person who has been gifted with the ability to interpret their dreams.

Yes, their dreams were ultimately to be used in the greater purpose of God's plan for his people. But that does not diminish the love that God has for each of these souls.

God could have chosen to reveal his love in any number of ways, but he has chosen to do so through revelation. The revelation of God's love is never an accident.

When he sent his Son into the world, he did so, without anything that would identify him as the chosen Son of God. There was nothing particular or exceptional that would have called attention to who Jesus was.

It was only through God's revelation that Jesus began to be known for who he really was. For you and I today, it is no different.

[2:12] We know God's love only through revelation. However, unlike Pharaoh's officers, we do not have to rely on dreams or visions to discern God's love.

We have something so much more sure, his word. Like Pharaoh's officers, we have also not been left to interpret God's revelation on our own. We have been given the greatest interpreter in the person of the Holy Spirit.

What a wonder it is that we can receive God's revelation, God's interpretation, and God's love. John 1.14 And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

And we saw the revelation of his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. Father, thank you for giving us the revelation of your love through your word.

Thank you that at any time, we can know exactly who you are and what you think of us. Thank you that all of your revelation is interpreted to us by the Holy Spirit and made available to us by the Word made flesh.

[3:21] Jesus. Amen.