

TRANSFORMATION: THE GIFT OF REVELATION

- Transformation Is About Entering into an Operational Oneness with God
 - Song of Sol 1:4; Jo 15:5
 - Faith: The receptivity of God's activity
 - Only the freely given has the power to transform us - Deut 30:15-20

- Our God Is a Revealing God - Deut 8:3; Jo 1:1-4
 - Revelation is always personal - Jo 17:3
 - We respond to a Person: "I believe You" - Jo 14:6
 - It is Who and Where we believe God to be that changes the way we live - it is the way we live that changes us
 - God has given His children ears to hear - Jo 8:47; 10:27; 18:37; Matt 11:15

- Those Less Likely to Hear God:
 - Those who don't believe God is speaking - Heb 11:6
 - ...confine God to a book - Jo 5:39
 - ...settle for substitutes - Matt 25:1-13
 - Those who've left their first love - Rev 2:4-5; I Jo 4:19
 - ...look out for themselves - Lk 9:23
 - ...develop a wrong view of God
 - Those who listen with wrong motives - Ja 4:3
 - ...listen for the purpose of self-service
 - ...listen out of fear alone
 - Those who listen with a divided heart - Ja 1:7-8
 - ..."also" listeners - Matt 6:33; Matt 4:10
 - ...listen only to discover our options

- Those More Likely to Hear God:
 - Those who believe God is speaking - I Sam 3:10
 - ...a sense of expectancy - Micah 7:7; Hab 2:1
 - ...sacramentalize every moment - Ps 119:91; Ro 11:36
 - Those who believe God is always loving them - I Jo 4:8
 - ...we "let in" those who have our best interest in mind - Rev 3:20
 - Those who listen with a single mind - Phil 3:13,14
 - ...a non-selective readiness to hear and obey - Heb 11:8
 - ...humbly give God the final word even before we hear it - I Pet 5:6
 - Those who intend to be used by God - II Cor 12:15
 - ...revelation is for lovers - Jo 14:21
 - ...we are expendable for the kingdom's sake - I Cor 6:19,20