

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; 2:6-16
Singing: 76:1-4 – 402:1, 2, 4, 6 – 40:1-2 – 86:1-3

GOD'S AUTO-BIOGRAPHIES (3)

I. The Book of Creation & Providence II. The Book of Revelation

I. REVIEW GOD'S 1ST AUTOBIOGRAPHY

A. Are we making more efforts to take God's 1st Autobiography off your shelf?

1. Consider God's appeal to His 1st Book: Jer 5:20-24

2. Consider God's saints: Neh. 9:5-6; Ps. 8:4-5; Is. 40; Jer. 10:6, 11-13

3. Where/when is this best done?
 - a. by walking in 'God's Book' (Ps. 8; 104)

 - b. by using aids to study His 1st Book (Job 38-41)

 - c. in your family worship time (Deut. 6:7)

B. Ignorance and lack of worship of God is sin: Romans 1:20-21; 2:1-4; 15-16

C. Due to our sin, God's 1st Autobiography is *insufficient* (Canons $\frac{3}{4}$, art 4)

II. GOD'S SECOND AUTOBIOGRAPHY: THE BOOK OF REVELATION

A. There are many things *not written* in God's 1st Autobiography

1. His Book of Creation/Providence provide us a 'glimpse' (Job 26:14)

2. His 2nd Book of Revelation: *He reveals Himself more clearly and fully to us*
 - a. Book of Revelation is still *limited* but *sufficient*

 - b. Book of Revelation are like 'glasses' to read the 1st Book

 - c. Book of Revelation proclaim Himself by His WORDs while the Book of Creation declares Him by His WORKS
 - see Ps. 19; 29; 92:5

B. Though the 2nd Book are like 'glasses' (Calvin) they are far more

1. God reveals *the mystery* unrevealed in His 1st Autobiography (Rom. 16:25; 1 Cor. 2:7)

2. Few examples:
 - a. God vs. Jesus

 - b. God's eternal power and godhead vs. God's character

 - c. God (Elohim; Almighty) vs. LORD (Covenant God)

 - d. God's Law vs. God's Gospel

 - e. Sense of need to pacify God vs. provision of atonement

Reflections:

A. Which book is more important and should have my preference?

- B. Why did I receive this Special Revelation? (Canon Head ¾, art 7)
- a. Has this anything to do with us or is the reason only found in God?

 - b. What is our response to so great and gracious a blessing? (Ps. 103:7)

 - c. How shall we escape this Gift of God?

- C. Why did God give us His Special Revelation in His 2nd Autobiography?
- a. Not for *information* purposes (knowledge)

 - b. But for *His glory (worship) and our salvation (relationship)*

- 2 Cor. 5:20 *Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead,*

be ye reconciled to

God.