

***“The Helmet & the Sword:
Part II”***

Eph 6:10-20

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Romans 12:1-2

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

The Revelation of God:

1. Creation: This is called “general revelation” because it reveals the magnitude and power and wisdom of God in a general way.
2. The Bible: This is called “specific revelation” because it reveals God as he is with some specificity.

Amos 3:6

*“Does disaster come to a city, unless the LORD
has done it?”*

Revelation 16:8-11

“⁸ The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and it was allowed to scorch people with fire. ⁹ They were scorched by the fierce heat, and they cursed the name of God who had power over these plagues. They did not repent and give him glory. ¹⁰ The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in anguish ¹¹ and cursed the God of heaven for their pain and sores. They did not repent of their deeds.”

Rejoicing in the Wrath of God

Texts like Revelation 11:15-18, 15:1-4 and 16:5-7 show why the fact of God's wrath causes rejoicing in the hearts of those who love him.

John 17:3

“And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.”

Hebrews 4:12-13

“¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”

One More Point...

The process of renewing the mind with regard to all things is designed to happen in the context of Christian community not in isolation.