

# Things Made Manifest

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## Introduction

*Romans 1:18-19 ... 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because that which is known about God is \*evident within them; for God \*made it \*evident to them. (NASB95)*

## Definitions:

In this lesson, let us consider things that are made manifest in Scripture. This idea is communicated by a particular Greek word family.

- The noun *phanerōsis* signifies an “announcement, disclosure, or manifestation.”
- The verb *phaneroō* means “to disclose, expose publicly, make clear, make evident, or reveal.”
- The adjective *phaneros* describes that which is “manifest, open, plainly seen, readily known, or visible.”
- The adverb *phanerōs* describes action that occurs “clearly, distinctly, openly, plainly, or publicly.”

## Illustrations:

- Used of something that is publicly revealed (Mark 1:45; John 7:1-5, 10-13; Acts 7:11-15).
- Used of something that is well known (Mark 6:14; Philippians 1:12-14).
- Used of something that is seen clearly (Acts 10:1-3; Rom. 2:28-29).
- Used of something that is evident or manifest (1 Cor. 3:10-15; 2 Cor. 3:1-3; 11:1-6).

## Manifestations of God

### *His Earthly Ministry*

- Through the physical incarnation of Christ, God was manifested unto the world (John 1:1-3, 14-18, 29-34; 1 John 1:1-3).
- On certain occasions, Jesus warned others not to reveal his identity (Mark 3:7-12; Matt. 12:9-21).
- At other times, he spoke clearly (Matt. 16:13-20; John 8:56-59).

- After his resurrection, our Lord repeatedly manifested himself to the disciples (Mark 16:12-14; John 21:1, 14; cf. 1 Cor. 15:3-8).
- The ministry of Jesus demonstrates divine glory (John 2:11), God's works (John 9:1-5), and God's name (John 17:6-8).

### ***His Eternal Purpose***

- The Son of Man reveals God's eternal purpose (1 Tim. 3:14-16; 2 Tim. 1:8-11).
- The Son of Man appeared to destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3:7-8; cf. Gen. 3:14-15; John 12:27-33).
- The Son of Man reveals the righteousness of God (Rom. 3:21-26; Rev. 15:3-4).
- The Son of Man provides a sacrifice for sins (Heb. 9: 6-14, 23-28; 1 Pet. 1:17-21; 1 John 3:5).
- The Son of Man demonstrates the love of God (1 John 4:9-10; cf. John 3:16).

### ***His Everlasting Truth***

- Divine Truth is revealed through the testimony of Scripture, specifically, God's will and word (Rom. 16:25-27; Col. 1:25-27; Titus 1:1-3).
- Divine Truth is revealed through the testimony of nature, specifically God's power and divinity (Rom. 1:18-23; Ps. 19).

### ***His Eventual Return***

- The Second Coming of Christ will demonstrate God's justice and mercy (Col. 3:1-4; 1 Pet. 5:1-4; 1 John 2:28-3:3).

## **Manifestations of Men**

### ***Integrity of the Message***

- Demonstrated by Miracles and Signs (Acts 4:13-22; 1 Cor. 12:4-11).
- Demonstrated by Faithfulness and Fidelity (2 Cor. 2:14-17; 4:1-2).
- Demonstrated by Clarity and Conviction (Gal. 5:19-21; Col. 4:2-4).

### ***Integrity of the Messenger***

- Demonstrated by Sacrifice and Suffering (2 Cor. 4:7-12).
- Demonstrated by Preaching and Practice (1 Tim. 4:11-16).

### ***Integrity of the Hearer***

- Demonstrated by Obedience (John 3:16-21).

- Demonstrated by Penitence (2 Cor. 7:5-16).

## ***Integrity in Judgment***

### **Temporal Judgments**

We must make proper temporal judgments:

- Regarding Guilt (1 Cor. 14:20-25; cf. Heb. 4:12-13)
- Regarding Faithfulness (1 Cor. 11:17-19; 1 John 2:19)
- Regarding Morality (Eph. 5:6-14; 1 John 3:4-10).

### **Final Judgment**

We must prepare for the final day of judgment:

- Revealed Deeds (2 Cor. 5:10-11; cf. Eccl. 12:13-14).
- Revealed Secrets (Mark 4:21-23; Luke 8:16-18; 1 Cor. 4:5).
- Revealed Shame (Rev. 3:18-19; cf. 16:15).