So this matter of revelation is the very foundation of our Christian knowledge. It is not the foundation of our salvation. You can believe the Bible is true from cover to cover and that every word is true and still be lost. The vital thing for salvation is to put faith in Jesus Christ, and looking to Him to cleanse us fixm from our sins, and through Him to be justified and sanctified and to receive the blessings He wants us to have. But for understanding our universe, and for understanding the details of God's will for us, revelation is tremendously important.

So I am glad that this year we are making this matter of revelation and inspiration our vital center in our work.

Father we thank you that you have given us your word. We thank you that you spoke in many ways and that what you spoke is dependable. We pray, our Father, that you will help us to study your word and stand upon what is clearly taught but not to make big issues of matters that are obscure or uncertain. Help us to take what is clearly taught and then stand upon it and move forward in our understanding. Above all, help us to put our faith in Jesus Christ and know that He can lead us safely through this life and the life to come. We ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

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