

# Study Notes: Being Trusted with the Secret Place (Part 1)

Series: Trusted with the Secret Place

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Thank you for joining us for this Bible Study. These notes are designed to help you reflect on the teaching and apply its truths to your life.

Key Verse: Psalm 25:14 (NKJV)

"The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him, and He will show them His covenant."

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## Part 1: The Invitation to the Secret Place

The "Secret Place" is more than just a quiet time; it is a spiritual reality of intimacy, protection, and communion with God.

- **A Place of Abiding Presence (Psalm 91:1-2):** The Secret Place isn't a physical location but a spiritual **position** of permanence. We are called to be **residents**, not just visitors, in God's presence. To be in the "shadow of the Almighty," you must be close to the light.
- **A Place of Sheltered Identity (Colossians 3:3):** Our true identity is not found in our successes or failures, but is securely **hidden** with Christ in God. Like a treasure in an unbreakable vault, we are safe from the accusations of the enemy and the storms of life.
- **A Place of Intimate Prayer (Matthew 6:5-6):** The primary motive of the Secret Place is **communion** over recognition. It's the one place where we are not performing for an audience but are raw, unfiltered, and truly known by the Father.
- **A Place of Unveiled Reality (Psalm 46:10):** In the stillness of the Secret Place, we are invited to "Be still, and know that I am God." The Hebrew for "be still" (*rapha*) means to **release your grip**. It's a call to stop striving, to let go of our anxieties, and to see our reality from His eternal perspective.

## Part 2: The Secret of the Secret Place

In this place of intimacy, God doesn't just offer us safety; He shares His heart and His confidential plans.

- **God Confides in His Friends (Psalm 25:14):** The Hebrew word for "secret" here is *sôd*, which means **confidential counsel** or a circle of intimates. God shares His boardroom plans with those who revere Him.
- **The Pattern of Divine Friendship (John 15:15):** Jesus elevates us from **servants** (who just obey commands) to **friends** (who understand the Master's heart and purpose). God's pattern is to include His people in what He is doing.
- **Access Requires Pursuit (Proverbs 25:2):** God doesn't hide things *from* us; He hides things *for* us. It is the "glory of kings to search out a matter." The focused, whole-hearted pursuit of God is what prepares our hearts to receive the secrets He wants to share.

## Part 3: The Stewardship of the Secret

Receiving a secret from God is a great privilege that comes with great responsibility. How we handle what He tells us determines if we can be trusted with more.

- **Stewardship Requires Discretion (Matthew 7:6):** A "pearl" is a precious revelation from God. We must use wisdom and discernment, protecting the holy things God shares with us from those who would mock or devalue them.
  - **Stewardship Requires Obedience (Luke 12:48):** Revelation is not just for our information, but for our **transformation** and **participation**. Our obedience in the small things God reveals proves we can be trusted with greater things.
  - **Stewardship Requires Timing (Ecclesiastes 3:7):** There is "a time to keep silence, and a time to speak." Sometimes, the most spiritual thing to do with a word from God is to hold it in our hearts until His appointed time for its release.
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### Reflection Questions for Your Week

1. Are you merely *visiting* the Secret Place, or are you *dwelling* there? What is one practical step you can take to move from being a visitor to a resident in His presence?
2. Has God spoken a "secret" to you—a promise, a direction, a word of encouragement for someone—that you have neglected or mishandled? How can you faithfully steward that word this week?
3. What would it look like this week to go beyond "saying prayers" and into "seeking the Secret-Keeper"?