

The Secret Things of God

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1. There things that are not revealed to us at times but we still must trust God.

Deuteronomy 29:29 (NKJV): 29 “The secret (hidden) things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

2. We live in a war zone and in war, there are casualties. Some are completely perplexing. James loses his life but Peter is delivered. The early church was a praying church, no lack of faith here, it's a war. **Acts 12:1-17**

3. The Apostle Paul had a mighty move of God in Ephesus but look at his statement concerning one of his staff members.

2 Timothy 4:20 (NKJV): 20 Erastus stayed in Corinth, but Trophimus I have left in Miletus sick.

I'm positive that Paul prayed for him. **(Mark 16:18b (NKJV))** they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.” The key word is “recover” but we don't know if he did or not.

That Paul left him in Miletus sick expresses the “secret things” concerning healing. Although divine healing is part of the saints' inheritance **(see Matt. 8:14–17)**, sometimes healing does not manifest the way we pray or think it will, even when we have prayed for someone in faith and confessed our faith outwardly. The Bible gives no explicit answers to this issue, and the fact that a close associate of an apostle was not healed instantly shows that this reality has existed from the early days of the church. Such a fact should never discourage or introduce doubt to our prayers or that we should start praying, if it be Your will. It should, however, serve as a guard against presumption, foolishness, or condemnation.

4. Let's look at the response of Jesus after his cousin John was killed. He didn't raise him from the dead and He didn't get mad at His Heavenly Father. He didn't stop and walk away from His ministry. He took some time to allow His emotions to be healed.

Matthew 14:12-16 (AMP): 12 And John's disciples came and took up the body and buried it. Then they went and told Jesus. 13 When Jesus heard it, He withdrew from there privately in a boat to a solitary place. But when the crowds heard of it, they followed Him [by land] on foot from the towns. 14 When He went ashore and saw a great throng of people, He had compassion (pity and deep sympathy) for them and cured their sick. 15 When evening came, the disciples came to Him and said, This is a remote and barren place, and the day is now over; send the throngs away into the villages to buy food for themselves. 16 Jesus said, They do not need to go away; you give them something to eat.

5. So, what do we say to these things? **Romans 8:31-39**