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SECTION 5 – Intimacy With God

Lesson 13 - The Secrets of God

God is a God of secrets.

Amos 3:7 *Surely the Lord God does nothing unless he reveals his secrets to his servants, the prophets.*

Surely the Lord God does nothing except when He reveals His secrets, because God is a God of secrets.

Psalms 91:1 *He who dwells in the secret place of the most high shall abide under the shadow of the almighty. And I will say of the Lord, he is my refuge and my fortress, my God in him will I trust.*

We love to quote that scripture, but that applies to those who have learned to dwell in the secret place, because God is a God of secrets. Not everybody knows the things of God, or knows the secret things of God. You may ask why would God be that way? I want you to think for a few moments that each one of us has secrets in our own lives; those things sacred to us; those intimate things to us; those private things to us. We all have things we just can't share with everybody, but we will share them with someone that we are very close to. We will share with someone that we are very intimate with. We long to have somebody that we can share our secrets with. You know you can't just trust your secrets to anybody because people won't always treat your secrets appropriately.

Obviously God does not share His secrets with the heathen. But I am telling you that God does not share His secrets with many Christians.

Why does God not share the secrets of His heart with us?

He longs to share His secrets, to reveal Himself, to show us the deep secrets of His heart, but He cannot trust many of us with His secrets.

Deuteronomy 29:29 *The secret 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.*

God is a God of secrets. Now what does He mean by that? As long as the mysteries of God, the secrets of God, are not understood by us, as long as they are not revealed to us, they belong to God.

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As an example. I was raised in America, and I went to a Catholic church. I heard about Jesus. I even heard that He had died for my sins, but I never heard that I had to be born again. I never heard that I had to repent of my sins and make Jesus Christ the Lord of my life. I never heard that until May 2nd, 1986. As long as salvation, and the plan of salvation, was a mystery to me, then my salvation belonged to God. Even though Jesus has paid the price for it, even though Jesus had purchased it, my salvation belonged to God. But when it was revealed to me, when the Word was preached, the revelation broke forth and I understood that I had to be born again; that I had to give to Jesus the legal right of authority over every part of my life. At that moment, if I would submit to that Word and yield to that Word, then that thing which was no longer secret, but now was made manifest, that revealed secret belonged to me.

There are many Christians who love God that die every day of sickness and disease. Although they know Him as Lord and Savior, they have not come to the revelation that He was wounded for their transgressions, He was bruised for their iniquities, that the chastisement of their peace was laid upon Him and by His stripes we are healed. They may be able to quote that scripture. They may even say they believe that scripture, but it hasn't yet become revealed to them, because once it is revealed to them, it belongs to them.

Once a truth is revealed to us, it belongs to us.

Now think about this for a moment. God has secrets; secret treasures, secrets of the kingdom, secrets of the ages. He longs to reveal them unto us. Once they are revealed, then we have access to them because knowledge is power. If you have knowledge in this earth, it gives you power. It's amazing that at the turn of the last century we did not have the knowledge of the laws of gravity, but then Newton and the little fruit falling on his head, and the laws of gravity were discovered. The more we understood the laws of gravity, the more we were able to utilize those laws. Understanding the laws of gravity gave us power.

We are living in a day now where knowledge is rapidly, dramatically increasing and we are having more power and more influence. There are things we are able to do easily today that a hundred years ago we wouldn't even consider doing. Fifty years ago a 10,000 square foot building filled with computers couldn't do what one little desktop, or even a laptop, computer can do today. The increase of knowledge has allowed us to function in greater power.

All truth is parallel, what is the connection between spiritual knowledge and power?

The greater spiritual knowledge you have, the greater spiritual power you have. That is why God says His people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge (Hosea 4:6).

God has all knowledge and He wants to reveal His secrets to us, but He is not just going to reveal it to you because you got born again. He is not just going to reveal it to you because you just got saved, as there are qualifications. If He put that knowledge in your hands, if He puts that power

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in your hands and you are an un-surrendered, undisciplined servant, un-surrendered undisciplined Christian, then you will use that power for ill-gotten gain. You will use that power for wrong purposes.

You may not think it possible to misuse or abuse such power, but Moses did it. God gave Moses power in that rod. The second time the people had no water God told Moses to speak to the rock. Moses got mad, and he picked up the rod, and he struck the rock. He exercised the power of God illegally, but he still exercised the power of God. He got rebuked for it and he got judged for it, but he did have access to it.

This is why we have had people all throughout history who came into the revelation knowledge of healing power and healing ministry and had great healing ministries but were drunks, womanizers, or did evil, ungodly things. Once they tapped into that revelation knowledge, once they had it, it belonged to them.

People believe that if others are not living right for God that God will just lift the anointing. I wish it was so, but it is not. Even after God had rejected Saul, he would go out and prophesy. He still moved in the gift that God had given him. God gave him the revelation of prophetic anointing and prophetic ministry, and he was still able to move in it even after he was rejected of the Lord.

This is why God is careful with His greatest secrets. He has secrets that He longs to reveal, but there are so few people He can trust with them.

Psalms 25:14 *The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant.*

Who will God reveal His secrets to?

God will show His secrets to those who fear Him.

The God who reveals His secrets is a God of many secrets. We are going to spend eternity understanding the secrets of God. God longs to reveal His secrets, but they belong to those who fear him. As God begins to reveal Himself to us, something begins to change and transform in us. It is why He longs to reveal Himself.

2 Corinthians 3:18 AMP *And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His very own image in ever increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another; [for this comes] from the Lord [Who is] the Spirit.*

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The word transfigure here comes from the Greek work metamorpho, which is where we get the English word metamorphosis from. We are constantly being changed and transformed into Christ's image from one degree of glory to another. This happens as we behold Him, as we see Him. When we see Him we shall be like Him.

That's not talking about someone physically seeing Jesus and automatically becoming like Him. If that were true, then at the end times when some face judgment and some face glory, everyone would suddenly be like Him. That's not what it is talking about. It is talking about the revelation of who He is, and of His death and resurrection. Not just seeing Him as God, but seeing the depth of the seeker, the revelation of Him as we behold Him in the deep intimate secrets and knowledge of Him as we see Him as He really is and we behold the mysteries of God.

As we look upon those things we will become progressively more and more like Him. He longs for a people that are like Him. He longs for a people that look like Him; that take on His nature, His transformation. He is a God of secrets and He longs to reveal His secrets to you right now while you are here on the earth.

The secrets of the Lord belong to them that fear Him. There is very little teaching about the fear of God.

What does the "fear of God" mean?

[What little teaching we hear about the fear of God generally teaches it as a reverential fear or respect for God. But in the original Hebrew it means a terrifying, dreadful fear. We are not to be afraid of God, but we must approach and deal with Him correctly.](#)

God revealed this secret to me when I had an experience with the fear of God: Everything the Father does is for Jesus because only Jesus is worthy. Nothing we got from God, nothing we get from God is coming because of our own worthiness. It comes because of Christ's worthiness, because Jesus is the one that paid the price. The Father does it towards us because Jesus ever lives to intercede for us. He does it towards us, but for Jesus. He alone is worthy. He is doing all these good things for Jesus. It is towards us, but it is for Him. It is not based on our perfection, but based on Christ's perfection. It's not based on our worthiness, but it is based on Christ's worthiness.

We need an infusion of the fear of God to come back into the church. We want this feel-good gospel. The Gospel will feel good when you get the real truth of it. The Gospel will feel good when you get the real breakthrough of it. The Gospel begins with the fear of God, and His secrets belong to those that fear Him.

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Proverbs 2:2-5 *So that you incline your ear to wisdom,
And apply your heart to understanding;
3 Yes, if you cry out for discernment,
And lift up your voice for understanding,
4 If you seek her as silver,
And search for her as for hidden treasures;
5 Then you will understand the fear of the LORD,
And find the knowledge of God.*

Psalms 111:10 *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
A good understanding have all those who do His commandments.
His praise endures forever.*

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. God wants to reveal to you His deep mysteries and secrets; the deep, intimate mysteries and secrets of His plan, of His purposes, of His will. But He can only trust His secrets to those who tremble at His Word, and who tremble at His presence. Those who are not sitting there playing with the world. God wants a people that tremble at His Word, that read His Word. You should approach Him with the fear of Him, in awe of Him, in honor of Him, in reverence of Him, and with a heart that values Him.

The secrets of the Lord belong to those who fear Him. God is a God of incredible secrets. Do you want to know them? Are you satisfied with just getting your little sermonette for the Christianette? Are you satisfied just sitting in your church week in and week out?

We live in a day when the preachers don't fear God. They don't tremble at His Word, they don't tremble at His presence. God can't trust them with His secrets. But I'm telling you there is a people out there that are hungry for Him. They may be nobodies from nowhere, but they are hungry for Him. God is looking for those that will fear Him, because those are the ones He is going to reveal His secrets to.

Are you hungry? Walk in the fear of God, and then ask Him to show you His secrets.

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For Further Study:

God's Secrets

Proverbs 3:32 For the perverse person is an abomination to the LORD,
But His secret counsel is with the upright.

Romans 16:25 Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began

Fear of the Lord

Job 28:28 And to man He said,
‘ Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom,
And to depart from evil is understanding.’”

Psalms 19:9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;
The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

Proverbs 14:27 The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life,
To turn one away from the snares of death.

Proverbs 19:23 The fear of the LORD leads to life,
And he who has it will abide in satisfaction;
He will not be visited with evil.