

The Potter's Christian Life Center

SERMON NOTES
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The Hidden Architect

Isaiah 45:7

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Most of us live surrounded by things we trust but rarely see. We believe in gravity without seeing it. We rely on electricity hidden behind walls. No one doubts an architect simply because the blueprint is no longer visible once the building stands. The design itself tells the story.

In the same way, Scripture presents God as a hidden Architect. He does not always stand in the center of our vision, but His work does. The world we see bears witness to a God we cannot see. Faith, then, becomes more than reading the Bible. Faith becomes learning how to read the world.

THE HIDDEN GOD'S DESIGN

Isaiah speaks directly to this truth.

Isaiah 45:7

I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the LORD, who does all these things. ESV

Isaiah confronts the belief that reality is divided between competing forces. In the ancient Near East, gods were assigned limited roles. One ruled light. Another ruled darkness. Israel's God claims authorship over all of it. The verbs "form" and "create" describe deliberate craftsmanship, not accident.

The Hebrew verb yatsar, translated "form," is the word used for a potter shaping clay. It describes intentional design. God is not reacting to the universe. He is shaping it. Even what appears chaotic remains within His blueprint.

HIDDENNESS NOT DENIAL OF AUTHORSHIP

This truth challenges modern skepticism as well. Many argue that the universe formed through random mutation and unguided processes. While science may describe mechanisms, it cannot explain meaning, order, or purpose. Randomness does not produce laws. Chance does not generate beauty.

Hebrews helps us see what faith actually does.

Hebrews 11:3

By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. ESV

Hebrews teaches that faith is a way of understanding reality. Creation's visible order flows from an invisible command. Faith does not deny evidence. It interprets it. The seen world points beyond itself to a speaking God whose word precedes matter.

This same pattern appears in Israel's story. God works through promises, generations, setbacks, and fulfillment. History itself unfolds with structure and direction. Redemption follows a plan, not an accident.

Like finding a carefully written book, creation carries meaning because it has an Author. Faith becomes a way of reading the world, not only a way of reading Scripture.

When life feels confusing, do you assume randomness, or do you trust a Designer whose purposes exceed your sight?

Conclusion

The God behind the blueprint does not shout. He signs His work quietly. His wisdom appears in the laws of nature, the fine detail of life, and the long story of redemption. Faith is not escaping reality. Faith is seeing reality clearly. The hidden Architect invites us to trust Him, even when we cannot trace every line. The same God who designed the cosmos also designed salvation. And the God we cannot see has made Himself known through the world we do see, and most clearly through Jesus Christ.

So, what is God building in your life that you cannot yet see?