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Deuteronomy 29:29 (NIV) ²⁹ The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.

When I was teaching years ago, one of my students raised his hand and asked, “Do you believe in heaven and hell?” I answer, “Yes,” and that opened a discussion with many questions but few real answers. I could tell the students truly wanted answers, which my limited understanding could not understand. I could give a basic answer as to heaven and hell, but when the answers became more specific, I was in trouble. They wanted to know what we would be doing in heaven for eternity. Well, my limited brain cannot grasp the idea of eternity because this life is finite. Therefore, as I struggled to answer, I was met by, “What we will do for so long? Won’t it be boring? Will we age?” Finally, I admitted that I did not have answers to those questions. I assured them we would not be bored, sad, or regretful, but the rest we would have to trust that all will be better than we could imagine.

This passage tells us that God has secrets. I have met some who take umbrage at this because they do not feel it is right for God to have secrets. Moses’ words, however, inform us that the mind of God is far beyond our comprehension. The secret things that belong to God are those things that are future things that are beyond our ability to comprehend. The secret things are those aspects of creation, like eternity and the blood of Jesus covering all sins for all time, that are beyond our earthly understanding. The secret things that belong to God are the reason that we must have faith to please God. It is the reason that the children of God walk by faith and not by sight. It is the reason we are not lean on our own understanding but trust God that His end is better than ours. Yet, there are things that God reveals to us that we are to pass on to our children and grandchildren. He reveals things to us so that we can follow Him and grasp the truth behind the life and death of Jesus Christ. I do not understand how Christ’s blood can cover all sins, but I do understand why Christ had to die for all of us. God’s revelations are pieces of eternity upon which we can stand. We should all find comfort that God has the secret things well in hand.