

Hidden Nature

The Secret Place

genesis

Could you imagine what God experienced when He said, “Let there be light?” The beginning had to be a special time. God had done marvelous things but no one was there yet to praise Him. He was so bad that He praised *Himself*. He said it was good (**Gen 1:3-4**).

God never needed an audience because I will do things in the secret place. God wants us to do the same and reflect; not needing to be seen in order to be praised or praiseworthy.

It doesn't matter where man goes or what he does in his lifetime, when put somewhere he will create something. It might be chaos, great things, or inventions but man will create something. It is in you to create. What are you creating? What is the thing that God is trusting you with?

We are going beyond reflection. Remember, reflection is the highest form of worship. It was never recorded that Adam nor Jesus “worshipped,” they *walked* with God. You never heard them singing one song because they were doing worship in the highest form—reflection. Jesus said, “I do nothing of myself, only what I see my Father doing in heaven (**Jhn 5:19**).” Jesus had an eye towards His Father.

Then we talked about sound. Reflection is great, but it's just a reflection. But if you make a sound there is a connection between the reflection. My son Emmanuel looks just like me. But I have to train him on how to speak how I speak. I don't have to pull him to the side to train him, he just watches me day to day. You can train just by observation. I do that to walk him in the right direction.

Emmanuel has the DNA and the ability to make my sound; it's in his makeup. God put things in you, even gifts without repentance (**Rom 11:29**). But there is something that has to release what's in you. God is trying to get us back to the place of Eden, where we belong. It's in us! Genesis means “gene,” it's a part of our genetics. It's in us already and God uses moments in time to bring out.

*Even things without life, whether flute or harp, when they make a sound, unless they make a distinction in the sounds, how will it be known what is piped or played? For if the trumpet makes an uncertain sound, who will prepare for battle? So likewise you, unless you utter by the tongue words easy to understand, how will it be known what is spoken? For you will be speaking into the air. - **1Cr 14:7-9 NKJV***

Reflection can be seen but not heard, so reflection is not it alone. Now we understand we are to sound just like Him. Your sound shows who you are with. Like when a mother hears a baby's cry, she understands whether the baby has a need or just making noise. There is a place beyond sound and reflection because these things are seen or heard. The Father knows what takes your breath away.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD! ... For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him ... Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world ..." - **Psa 150:6; Col 1:16; Jhn 8:12 NKJV**

How can God be hidden when He is everywhere and in everything? He formed everything through Christ. The world was created and faith is the fixture of everything. Where is God? Why is He hidden when He is the light of the world? How is He hidden? The next place beyond reflection and sound is to be *hidden* by God.

hide and seek

There is a time to come to Him and hide in refuge and a time to come as an intimate, like a lover. Say, "The secret place." How does God hide when He is the light? If God is everywhere and in everything, why does He say, "Seek Me?" Why do we have to seek Him? Why does He have a secret place? How can I be hidden?

He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what [is] in the darkness, And light dwells with Him ... At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from [the] wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes ..." - **Dan 2:22; Mat 11:25 NKJV**

You know the employees that you were around everyday but never *really* knew? You saw each other everyday but never had a conversation with them or took the initiative to start one. You were around them but didn't know them. God is always around you, even if you made your bed in hell He would be present (**Psa 139:8**). He is always present but it takes *seeking* to unlock that place of intimacy with Him. A place where He will begin to reveal Himself; when He reveals something that means it was first hidden.

Revelation, something being revealed to you, means that you are seeing through the eyes of the one that hid it from you. You are looking through the eyes of the one that Created what was hidden from you. Some of us have been in pits [of life] for a long time, even now. We have to stop looking at pits as punishment and start seeing them as bed chambers for you and God.

Remember, there are times when God will allow your enemies be around you. Then there are times when He scatters your enemies and, though walking through the valley of death, He will make a table in the midst of them (**Deu 28:7; Psa 23:5**). But that's only for a season, that's not supposed to continue on. That is a seasonal declaration. Psalms is a book of divisions, not chapters. The division of Psalms 23 is a declaration that the Lord is my Shepherd. We read it in a real passive way, but David was saying and declaring what God was really doing.

Yes, the Lord will lead you beside still waters but the enemy is still present. Remember, the enemy had to *flee* Jesus for a season (**Mat 4:11; Jam 4:7**). God says that there is a time to be hidden in Him, the time to develop His nature. You cannot develop His nature without being hidden in Him. His nature is who He is; where you get light because He is light.

the secret place

What's the secret place look like? *Shhhh!* it's a secret. It's different for each individual. Every level and dimension of your life will have a secret place. God always wants His own to be hidden because you are an open target when you are seen. You are to humble ourselves under the hand of God so that He will exalt you in due season (**1Pe 5:6**). You have to stop hiding in yourself and your abilities and start hiding within Him. That's why we are to abide in Him and He in us (**Jhn 15:4**). In actuality, we are to *hide* in Him and He in us.

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. - Psa 119:11 KJV

This is the next level; not only does He hide *us* but we begin to hide *Him*. You begin take on His very nature because you around Him. That's why I brought up my son Emmanuel. I don't always have to teach him, teach him, teach him. I just have to live the example and he's going to be to take on the same nature. He'll even have reflexes the way I have because he sees how I respond to situations.

The *nature* is the next depth. If you have the nature, God can speak to you one thing and not speak again for seasons because you already know what He wants. Some of us are hanging on to each prophecy like its something so fragile. "No, no," says the Lord. "I spoke to you once and you know I am with you. I want you to get more of my character, more of my nature."

A true son *knows* what His father wants when He's not even there. When we were left home as children, with our siblings or ourselves, we knew what our parents wanted. And if we didn't do it the way our parents did, we got in trouble. They would say, "We taught you better than that." You were supposed to have their nature by now. There's a reason why David was known as a man after God's own heart. He wrote Psalms 119 & 139 because he was trying to learn how to hide the word in his heart.

Think about your pit. Many times there is nobody there; can't even buy a friend or borrow money. You are in a place where you just have to suck it up. Other times we get upset with God in that place, however its just like being in a bed chamber fighting your spouse. All God wanted to do what to get you intimate with Him so that you could get His nature.

David said it was "*good* that I be afflicted" (**Psa 119:71**). He had the understanding that God allowed exposure of what was hidden in him. We can't ask "why me God?" Why not you!? What makes you so special? Some of us compare ourselves to those in the Bible, though we have the tiniest afflictions. "I'm just like David right," or "I feel Job, though He slay me" and all you have is a chipped nail or stubbed toe.

projection

*For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time [are] not worthy [to be compared] with the glory which shall be revealed in us. - **Rom 8:18 KJV***

The devil knows this [**Rom 8:18**] that's why he's always messing with you with a thing called 'projection.' God said "as a man thinketh so is he (**Pro 23:7**)." The enemy is always bombarding your thought life in order to make you think that you're something you're not. Then *you* project that thing and *become* what was projected, a lie. That's why God said "seek my face," to see a different projection and become what is being beheld (**2Ch 7:14**). Projection is deep. Some of us have these demonic thoughts that the enemies bombards us with because God has said so much over our lives.

*For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully [and] wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And [that] my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, [And] skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When [as yet there were] none of them. How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! [If] I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You. - **Psa 139:13-18 NKJV***

This is a man that just got the revelation of how God already knew him, and he needed to reach out to know *how* He knew him. Some of us are insecure and deal with a lot of things with the flesh. We say, "I'm just doin' me." And then you're the one crying later, in Pastor's office. When you are 'doing you' you don't even like 'you.' Stop seeking your own things, ambitions, and the things that you want to do.

Stop pampering yourself so much and pamper God. Why not see what the Lord wants? See what He wants to illuminate and shine more. Won't you seek His face and turn from your wicked ways? Remember, the people knew God's *works* but Moses knew His *will* and His *ways*. In the secret place God will tell you His ways, and why He does what He is doing. Some of you want to know all these deep crazy things. Instead you just need to get in God's face and let Him show you that it's so much simpler than what you have made it.

*But God has revealed [them] to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. - **1Cr 2:10 NKJV***

The Bible talks about Satan has his "so called" deep secrets (**Rev 2:24**). There is something in us that wants to go into something 'deep.' Some of us what to philosophize but can't even prophesy. We desire to say things that are so amazing yet we can't even articulate the simple things. We need to get back in the place where it's just 'me and God.' It's got to be enough with just you and Him, that He reveals things to you. You have no need for a man to teach you because the Spirit will make known all things (**Jhn 16:15**).

“seek Me with all your heart”

How can light be hidden? Why does He say “let your light shine so that men can see (**Mat 5:16**)?” Do you know what is hiding the light? YOUR FLESH. Remember the scales that would fall off of peoples eyes in scripture? Scales hide things; scales are a form of flesh. The next place God wants you to go to ... *is a secret*. You have to find it for yourself. Instead of wanting all the answers and being lazy, seek His face. We want the answers so bad, ‘just tell me the secret.’ Delilah seduced Samson until he gave up the answer (**Jdg 16:6**). We can’t do God like that—He is not someone to be mesmerized! Shut up and go *seek* God. Get off the phone and stop talking about Him and starting seeking Him. The secret place has to be FOUND!

That’s why it’s called ‘the secret place,’ not every body finds it. The Secret Place; not everybody knows how to get to it. It's bigger than your gift! The devil has a myriad of spirits that can do the same things as our gifts; it may not be as powerful but it can be mimicked. But intimacy cannot be mimicked. Someone who is operating in the power of His love cannot be duplicated. God said “I want you to *have* the nature of Me.” His nature cannot be duplicated because you can't duplicate love. God *is* love, you either function in it or function in falsehood.

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. - Jer 29:11-13 NIV

Did you see that? He has plans to prosper you but that wasn’t the big deal. *Then* you will pray to Him in secret *and then* you will seek Him with all your heart. He says, “I have already taken care of your life, now I’m taking care of you eternity.” A lot of us want to focus on our life and to continue on with it. But that’s a place of *little* reflection and some sound. That’s not how you get the nature. You get the nature by putting in time for your future.

Any job you work, if you put time in that company you can get pensions and different things that you qualify for. Because you put in the time, you will even get a retirement. God says, “Some of you haven’t been working on your retirement.” You have been worried about how you look with reflection; how you have it together seemingly in front of other people. In reality you’re falling apart. You don’t even really like yourself. After you get into prayer THEN will we seek Him; prayer and praise are requirements. Praying is not a place of seeking, nor is praising—these are requirements and reasonable duties (**Rom 12:1; 1Th 5:16-19**). But to get into that place where you become hidden in Him and He in you.

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the [life] which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." - Gal 2:20 NKJV

Paul said that for a reason, “I am here, but I am not anymore.” He was hidden [in Christ], and Christ in him. Can He hear you? God shows you hidden things because you are in the hidden place. Some things you’ll find out just because you are there, like Isaiah (**Isa 6:5**).

Are you bored? Some are bored to death! You know why? You have been letting your life wear you out. Your job, your bills, your life have taken precedence in you that the Word cannot take precedence. The Bible says that you cannot yield your members [unto unrighteousness], if you do you will be exhausted (**Rom 6:13**). There is a time of rest for your balance.

abide in Him

*Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live." And the LORD said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. "So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. "Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen." - **Exd 33:19-23 NKJV***

I often wondered why Moses asked God "show me your glory" (**Exd 33:18**). He was already talking to God face to face, like a friend would speak to another friend (**Exd 33:11**). So why? Part of the reason was that Moses knew something was hidden. When you seek God's face He will reveal His face. After God reveals, you begin to know there is more still hidden. Not only did Moses see God's face, but also His backward parts. God grabbed him and placed him in the cleft of the rock.

God was having Moses abide in Him; not allowing him to His glory but his backward parts. Then God covered Him with His hand, if a man saw His glory he would die. Then He passed right by Moses. God didn't allow Moses to see him in *that* realm, but allowed His glory to be revealed at the Mount of [Jesus'] Transfiguration. He began to reveal Himself to Moses; there with Elijah (**Mat 17**).

Both Moses and Paul encountered God. They saw miracles, signs, and wonders; prophesied and declared and demons were cast out! Paul even said in one of his letters "there has been an effectual door opened unto me," (**1Co 16:9**). Even with handkerchiefs and the aprons; from his body God was healing people (**Acts 19:12**). Yet even after all of that Paul said, "I want to know Him in the fellowship of His sufferings and the power of His resurrection."

*Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which [is] from the law, but that which [is] through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death ... - **Phl 3:8-10 NKJV***

He said, "I want to know Him. I don't know Him like that yet ..." See, we associate miracles, signs and wonders with 'knowing,' no that's *believing*. These are the things that follow those that believe. But who *knows* Him? Who *knows* His ways? Who *knows* His heart? To where you know He will change things because you asked Him to. Who *knows* Him?

learning Love, eternally

As a Pastor, I really have a hard times sometimes conveying the heart of because people have so many things being conveyed to them already. I have to come against mindsets, different things that they have learned in the past, different religious-crazy stuff. Even life, it's so busy and loud that you wonder why [church] service is so long. When can God have you for real? When can God have you? When can He have you? Absolutely all of you ...

I love my wife's attention. When I'm talking to her I love her eye contact, how she puts everything aside. But how many of you have that kind of relationship with God? Where you put everything aside when He's talking to you—where the world disappears. You're not asking Him for a blessing or for a breakthrough. You're not asking Him for your family, your children, your stuff, your this or your that.

When you are in a relationship and you say "I love you" because you love everything they have done. Then you get beyond what He's *done* and into who He *is*. If you just love Him for what He's done, He will have to keep *doing* for you to continue the love. But is it enough just to love Him? He knows everything about you and you're seeking to know everything about Him.

The Bible gives tells us that we will be forever learners of God in eternity (**Eph 3:18-19**). We're going to learn Him forever, to get to know Him forever. Some people think that when you get to heaven you're just going to know everything. No, no, no—it doesn't work like that. You're going to grow. You get to eat in heaven, thank you Jesus!! You get to experience Him:

'Then I will give them a heart to know Me, that I [am] the LORD; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God, for they shall return to Me with their whole heart.' - **Jer 24:7 NKJV**

hidden omnipresence?

Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God. - **2Cr 4:4 NLT**

How is it that an omnipresent God can be hidden? In the garden their 'eyes were opened' but their spiritual eyes were closed (**Gen 3:7**). How can something be opened and closed at the same time? We wanted to know the knowledge of things, possessions, and stuff. We wanted to be gods ourselves, be praised, and receive praise. It wasn't enough that, in secret, we were being praised.

Did you know that God praises you? Isn't that powerful? That is mind blowing (for some people). They can't even grab hold with what I'm saying, they struggle with it. He praises you. That's why He says that you are fearfully and wonderfully made; the head and not the tail, above and not beneath (**Psa 139:14; Deu 28:13**). Did you know God very is braggadocious? He brags all the time saying, "I *will* do this and I *will* do that, and I *will* put your enemies though this." He talks big noise because He can back it up.

What I really want to convey is this: you have got to start being hidden. And I don't mean just background-doing-stuff; that's not being hidden but shameful. What I mean is even while you are on the front line your submission and intimacy with God is active. That you are not deceived by people's imitations when others are; you know who is *really* doing it.

I remember when God let me hear someone's thoughts when I was ministering to someone. I was just prophesying, God was moving powerfully and in great detail. This person was in the midst and thinking, "He is just so prideful." God let me hear that! I just said, "Sir, I don't struggle with the things that you struggle with. Because I know who I am."

He responded, "I didn't say anything!" I told him his thoughts and he just broke down crying. Stop putting what you are struggling with onto other people. Some people know who they are, though you may not. I remember Prophet Copeland said something to someone recently because they said, "Copeland, you just getting fatter and fatter!" It was shocking and random—we were at a conference!

But Copeland replied, "But I know who I am, that I am fat. But you are insecure with being fat. I'm happy, you're not happy. That's why you want to project that onto you to me." Projection is a powerful thing, what you project you will project onto others. When you feel as if someone will not forgive, *you are* the one that struggles with forgiveness.

You project on others what you are operating in. "They need to humble themselves!" No, no, no—you're struggling with that. God said "man looks at the outward, but the Lord sees the heart" (**1Sa 16:7**). The hidden place. When you are hiding in Him, He begins to speak things:

And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on [his] face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth. - 1Cr 14:25 KJV

scandalous insecurities

The Lord is giving vision and revelation to uncover what is not seen. Relationship brings you into a place where God will reveal. He reveals His secrets to the prophets and He does nothing until then (**Amos 3:7**). God says, "Don't do anything until you reveal it to Me first." Then He says, "I won't do anything until I reveal it to you, first. Hide in me and I will Hide in you. So when I tell you to go it's not 'you' going, but Me."

God told Moses, "I have heard the cries of My people and I have come to set them free, but I send you (**Exd 3:7,10**)." Then He showed up in signs, wonders, and miracles. God is trying to get some people to stop fighting flesh and start dealing with the spiritual things that have been hindering you. Principalities have been assigned against you to make sure that what is hidden within you is never revealed.

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. - 1Jo 4:4 KJV

Why do we struggle with so much insecurity? Because we don't know the Spirit. Do you know what's going to help us? *[whispered tone] Going to that secret place, shhhh! Where you go in and you find out for yourself. Some of you want to have other people tell you about how good God is. But wants to reveal it to you in the secret place.* That's why you have your own trials. Nobody could have lived through your trials, you had to go through it yourself. If you touch someone else's trial God would get you. Some of us try to help people that shouldn't be helped in their trial. Don't help them.

God says, "Don't touch them, I'm trying to do something in them. I want them to know for themselves who I am. Instead of you trying to explain Me, trying to show them about how I have been good to you. They need to see for themselves. That's why I allow the pit. That's why I allow the place of desperation. I allow them to be in that pit; the bedchamber with Me so they would know Me." You don't want your mother in there when you're loving your spouse. You want to be there yourself because you want to experience the goodness *alone*.

The enemy fights you in that secret place with sleep. Remember the disciples couldn't stay up for an hour while Jesus prayed:

*Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ... Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. - **Mat 26:36, 40 NIV***

Say this: "Lord, I am not hiding my insecurities, my pain, or my depression any longer. I am not hiding my gift, my love, or my heart any longer from You because You already know and I am fooling myself."

I'm not telling you something that I read about, I'm telling you something that I experienced. God will share things with you and tell you "don't share with another man." Have you ever had that happen? That it actually came to pass what He showed you? Not something that you imagined, but something you *heard* Him say and it was there.

help me be hidden

God even told Abraham secrets; what was going to happen to Sodom and Gomorrah (**Gen 18:17-21**). We admire other people's relationships with God, but if we can see it then we can go beyond it. This is not crabs in a bucket to pull you down, this is something to launch you off. What you saw was not the stopping place, but a stepping stone.

I love how runners do; they see a world record and think, "Okay, I will beat it." We need that mentality, not in just being fleshy with it. But that mentality that God wants to show more; *greater works shall you do* (**Jhn 14:12**). It's something that should be passed on like a baton.

Say this: “God, help me be hidden.” Even on the front line, help me be hidden. Even when all and everything is watching me, help me be hidden. Help me be hidden when I’m before millions of people proclaiming Your name and signs and wonders are happening. Help me be hidden because I have Your nature; if You don’t show up I have no business being there!

Some of us have to get that mentality. If God is not going to be there, why in the world would we? What I mean is this: if you’re not going to let Him come forth, what are you doing? It’s not going to be that fruitful. Some of you don’t even have God on your job. You put Him your pocket for a moment. Then you get convicted that you don’t spend enough time with Him because you have a part-time relationship. Stevie Wonder had a song ‘Part-Time Lover.’

God says, “I’m looking for full-time.” You don’t get benefits if you’re a part-time worker, you have to be full-time to get full-time benefits. If you are ready to go to the next dimension, it’s not reflection because it’s not enough to look like Him. It’s not enough to sound like Him either, but you have to begin to operate like Him. That’s when you begin to have the mind of Christ, in the secret place.

“For [as] the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts” ... For “who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ. - Isa 55:9; 1Co 2:16 NKJV

His thoughts are above yours, but then He said have the mind of Christ. That’s amazing! Why? Because He says, “You *can* think in that realm. I *can* begin to create through you. You can’t do it where you are, but I can take you where you *can* because I promised you things that are impossible for you. That’s why you’re able to speak those things that *be not* as though they were (**Rom 4:17**).” Do you know why He does that?

Remember when He said “you ask amiss so that you may consume upon your flesh (**Jam 4:3**)?” Don’t be amiss. You need to get into that place by yourself—shut the door, pray to your Father who is in secret and He will reveal it openly (**Mat 6:6**). Some of you don’t need to be reflecting or sounding until you have become changed in the hidden place. When you become changed from *being hidden* then that’s when He’ll display like never before.

let them see Me

Some of you *just* encountered God and you want to go into ministry out of your one encounter. Some people get flash cards, business cards, and all kind of junk and they just had one little encounter. “My ministry is my testimony!” No, no, no—ministry isn’t like that. Ministry is supposed to be built off of intimacy, not testimony. People come and flock because of testimony, not your ministry. If ministry pulled such a following, then your “ministry” would only be validated if [tons of] people were there.

This was all about being hidden. This was all about stop seeing your pit as place of punishment and start seeing it as a bed chamber. Some say, “I don’t want to be seen, I don’t want to be seen.” But God says, “I need you to be seen because it’s not even you. I have hidden [Myself] in you and I want to expose how someone can yield to Me and go to a place that they couldn’t go to, but by Me.” Isn’t that powerful? I was about to speak in front of a college one time and said, “God I want them to see You, not —”

“I do need them to see you,” God interrupted. “I need them to see you serving Me. I need them to see you operating in the power of God because it’s going to motivate them.” God has you in certain places, each one of you, because He has those around you that you are to motivate and draw to Him.

Why is it that we close our eyes while we pray? After I looking it up, it’s because we have to get into the hidden mindset. We are trying to close off the things of the world so we can begin to *see* in the spirit. You have to close your eyes to “see”; close the natural off so you can see in the spiritual. The natural is so loud; your flesh is so on fire at times and so loud you can’t hear anything else. It echoes, it’s busy; you always have to touch something on your face, blink, always got to do something to appease this flesh. You have to check your phone, voicemails, and emails—always calling you to check something.

astigmatism

That flesh has been you biggest obstacle, that’s why He said to crucify it (**Gal 5:24**). “I want this thing not to be in the way any more. I want to take you to a realm of the spirit.” That’s why He said to John, “Come up here, and I will show you these things that you didn’t even know; that are to come (**Rev 4:1**).” Some of us He is calling to come up ‘here’ so He can show you something.

Your view is obscured because of where you are. It’s blocking you because you can’t even see! You have so many struggles; wasting time praying over fleshy struggles when you are supposed to be pursuing His heart. Those things being crucified, being over with, being dealt with. Some of us are so focused on our bills, who we are, and what we have to pay! We get depressed, “Ugh, it’s another Monday...” But God says, “this is the day that *I’ve* made (**Psa 118:24**). *I’m* seeking something that is hidden. *I am* looking to reveal Myself to a people who really want Me.”

Some of us have so many hidden sins. If somebody knew what we were doing ... We have adulterous sins, lust, lying, homosexual sins, thoughts and different passions. If somebody knew what you were doing they would blow up; your reputation would be ruined. You need to hear me.

God says, “I am trying to get you to understand how to be hidden in Me. I know the plans I have for you, but bigger than that, I know that you need to see Me (**Jer 29:11**). So you can become who I am. That you become more than just something destined for earth. This place is not your stomping ground. This place is just temporary.”

“I need you to think retirement, because I love you,” says the Lord. “I don’t tell you to study to punish you; you need to study to know who I am. Fasting is not a punishment but an opportunity. Denying yourself is an opportunity to know me more. Quit seeing these things as sufferable hardships, these are things of *love*. The world can’t do that, they are not allowed to but you are. Take advantage of *every* opportunity.”

God, I want to know You more

I want to worship You. I’ll stop the car and pull over just to worship You. I want to know You. I have seen miracles, I have seen signs and wonders. I’ve seen things that I read about in the scriptures but I want to know You more because all of that is MINUSCULE to who You are. You’re the One who breathed out stars (**Psa 33:6**). You’re the One who said, “Let there be light” and You praised Yourself, seeing it was good (**Gen 1:3-4**).

God take me into that place, begin to reveal and unravel the mysteries of who You are. Not what you are capable of doing, but who You are. It says that Your eyes are like flames of fire (**Rev 1:14**)... God take us into that hidden place, where there is no usher but Your Spirit. No worship leader can get us into that place, only by Your invitation. Which you have already given that invitation for You said, “Come” (**Rev 22:17**).

There is no echo in the secret place; there’s nothing to reflect sound. There is something that has be resounded from within you. There’s nothing wasted in the secret place, if you waste then you immediately exit. I could tell you things about what’s coming up in your life and different things, but God wants to talk to you about your eternity in the secret place. Don’t be tricked by television and seeing things; there is more to money, possessions and cars. If that’s your goal then you missed Him, *totally* missed Him.

If your ambition is materialistic you have missed Him; that’s why you don’t have it yet. He said, “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,” His things He believes that are right (**Mat 6:33**). You have to find that righteousness by seeking Him first. You can’t know His righteousness without seeking Him. He begins to tell you what’s right. His word becomes a light unto your feet, a lamp unto your path (**Psa 119:105**).

how to seek as He seeks

We have heard the secret place religiously, where people have sung about. Don’t just say secret place, say ‘special place.’ It’s a place of intimacy, a place you should be thrilled to go to. Not for just healing your pain, as a child would. We have to grow up church. It’s not about what ails you that should get you into the secret place. No, no—it’s a deep calling, a deep yearning to know Him more (**Psa 42:7**).

God says, “I am begging you to come deeper, because you cannot go any further than what you are without seeking Me. When you start asking ‘How are you going to do this God’ or ‘when?’ That tells Me you haven’t been seeking. Because that ‘how’ and that ‘when’ changes into ‘I know.’ ”

Those things are put on the shelf, they will come forth when they come forth. But right now You and I have some unfinished business, God. I want to get in Your face and know You. See, we want rewards—but God said, “I’m a rewarder of those that *diligently* seek Me (**Heb 11:6**). Knock and the door shall be opened, seek and ye shall find ... (**Mat 7:7**). I am playing the greatest game of hide-n-go-seek because I want to reveal my glory. I’m singing the greatest love song to you, but you can only hear it in that realm.”

This is that place that you stop reading about Him and start looking at Him. You don’t study just the logos, but the rhema; the revelation of who He is.

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