

Bible Mysteries

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(1 Corinthians 2:6 - 1 Corinthians 2:7) - - *We do speak a message of wisdom, but not the wisdom of this world or of the rulers of this world, who are passing off the scene. (7) Instead, we speak about God's secret wisdom that has been hidden, which God destined for our glory before the world began.*

MYSTERIES OF GOD

Introduction

*"It is the Glory of God to Conceal a Matter;
The Glory of Kings to Search Out a Matter"*

*Proverbs of Solomon (ch25-2) "You can access the life of God
without being sidetracked by the pitfalls of religious tradition."*

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Searching, knocking, and asking are the first steps to knowing God and His wisdom. In order to make headway in this quest, the motivation of your heart's must be sincere and fervent. Revelation and inspiration will surely follow. While there are many who claim to hold the key to wisdom, one must knock at the right door. This door IS found in The Holy Bible. The Bible is not an antique, out-dated document. The Bible is the one document that holds a perfect record in the hundreds, even thousands of prophecies that have come to pass.

In order to secure understanding, one must acknowledge the Holy Spirit for He is The Spirit of Truth who proceeds from the one true God. God the eternal one is revealed by Jesus Christ. The pathway that leads a seeker into the knowledge of the mysteries of God is only through Yeshua. Jesus the Messiah is *the way, the truth, and the life*, and him only. Religions and Religious organizations even those who mask themselves as Christian, often try to present their own institution as the only true way. Such institutions can lead a seeker into dogma or deception.

"God is a Spirit," the scripture explains. Heavenly things and God the Almighty are mysteries since they consist of divine substance. This commodity can only be perceived, received and believed on a non-sensing, non academic level. If I say that I know God, whom you may have never known or seen, you can only judge my assertions on the basis of my personal credibility. Some who profess to be a spokes-persons for God are more credible to us than others owing to certain expressions of character.

We know that the original apostles after the resurrection of Jesus, did not so much debate the existence of God as a philosophical notion or intellectual theory but demonstrated God's existence by supernatural attestations. They demonstrated the Power of God. (Read Paul's letter to Corinthians Chapter 1 and 2). Yet many Christian apologists continue to strive to persuade a materialistic, non believing world based upon arguments, logic or intellectual proofs.

Progressive Revelation

There are many who disagree with the concept of *progressive revelation*. Religions wish to see the mysteries of God (essential truth) codified and made concrete for to pass down to future generations. These understandings which we call "doctrines" of faith can vary considerably as to the interpretation of any particular scripture passage. The response from the doctrinal watchdogs say these have been *the teachings of the fathers* and we stand upon our doctrines. These doctrines of course, represent the acknowledged view of that sect whether Catholic, Protestant, or the sub sects of Protestantism or other non Christian sects.

The Holy Spirit was introduced on the Jewish Feast of Pentecost, 50 days after the Passover. Jesus thus fulfilled that Jewish festival as he fulfilled the previous three. This event recorded in Acts Chapter 1 and 2, was the moment of spiritual empowerment that was promised the disciples. They were not to teach or testify until after this. This Spirit has many kinds of supernatural expressions which we discuss later. One of these is the Spirit of Wisdom and understanding. *Wisdom* lies latent in the Word of God. (Bible) Yeshua (Jesus) is also called the "Living Word" and continues to speak to the reader. This same Holy Spirit brings revelation and understanding, not merely "intellectual" knowledge.

This is what makes the Bible unique. Not only does the information found in it prove valid but it has the power to reveal "*heavenly things*" - truth on a level beyond the factual or informational level. There are then two levels which experienced by those who read Scripture, informational and revelational. Believers who are Spirit born, and empowered by the Holy Spirit Baptism experience are illumined by "*The Rhema Word*." Rhema refers to the proceeding voice of God which enlivens the Scripture and makes it speak to the present needs of any reader. The Spirit brings life and understanding. "The letter of the Scripture, Jesus said, kills." There are many who believe the Bible is mostly a fable or make believe. They have not yet received the necessary key to wisdom, belief and faith. With these we know that the stories of God's wonders in day of old are more than fables, they are assuredly true.

Jesus gave this testimony about knowing the mysteries of God. " - I know Him, I am from Him, He sent me. -" (John 7:19.) Yet, not everyone is, persuaded by these words. There are also many today remain unpersuaded that Yeshua is the one mediator between God and Man and who truly speaks for God. I myself, have learned and

understand that God is a God of mysteries and hidden things.

The parables taught by Yeshua (Jesus) had within them kernels of truth on multiple levels; plain story-level truth and higher spiritual level revelation. There is and always has been the matter of hidden truth, or 'hidden manna.' To Christ's disciples it was given to know the secrets of the Kingdom of God while others received no more than a moral homily. Why is it that God reveals himself to some and not to others?

God Almighty in his wisdom chose that heaven and its mysteries are not open for the vile and vulgar to intrude upon! There are defining limits between darkness and heavenly light. I have always puzzled that Bible TRUTH and the realities of God were not presented to the world in neatly delineated, point by point, topics. Wouldn't that be wonderful if all the hidden facts about God and Heaven's realities were made accessible and easy to comprehend! **But in God's wisdom, He has chosen to hide himself. He dwells in a secret place.**

(Psalm 91)

The unbeliever must set aside unbelief **before** he/she can make the first step of faith. Thus the key to unpacking and deciphering the Word of God can not be achieved strictly by academic skills and study alone. If that were true only the bookish could know God. The Divine Spirit, *Ruach ha kadesh*, in Hebrew called in King James vernacular the Holy Ghost, is the one and only way to achieve valid revelations of God. **The Spirit of God always reveals and glorifies Jesus.** There are of course mystics from other religions and cultures who receive spiritual revelations but these are of another spirit and do not conform to biblical truth.

At best you can receive only a glimpse and hope of entering a deeper realm of revelation through our efforts to encourage you in God. The insights I share were not learned from Christian institutions but were drawn entirely from my own studies and experience. But if these do not conform to the entirety of Scripture it is of no value!

Without the Holy Spirit, the teacher and discipler of truth, one remains bound to an informational level. We are given understanding in the light of Jesus. "*The entrance of his word brings light.*" (Psalm 119) Understanding grows a little at a time. First, a line by line approach to scripture, then eventually, precept upon precept. Precepts are the understandings of what the literal word actually says in terms of the greater wisdom of God. Jesus is 'the Word of God made flesh.' This is in Itself a profound mystery. When the Scripture (The Word of God) is made known in its completeness we shall See Him as He IS.

The following chapters deal with the subject of Mysteries. There are several topics that will appear initially to seem too familiar; such as those addressed in a sermon or a Bible study. But though the topics sound familiar, I believe there are deeper and more

profound revelations and understanding to be revealed. These topics are not in any hierarchy of order. Nor will I suggest that my thoughts on these topics are more than a glimmer of light upon yet deeper understanding. I can do little more than introduce the topics of God's mysteries. These are of course, just a few of the mysteries of the Bible. Many more remain to explore and mine.

Bible Commentaries

When you read commentaries that any teacher or authority has written, you will be presented with a set of that person's understandings. For this reason, Bible commentaries should never be regarded as absolute or definitive. It is God's purpose that many in the BODY share what the Bible has revealed to each of us. This builds and edifies the Body of Christ (Those called to believe in him) with broader and deeper understanding. There are mysteries and mysteries within mysteries only to be revealed in due time. Revelation is progressive and ever deepening as **His** truth is being revealed by God's Holy Spirit **in God's time**.

It is clear in reading prophetic writings that God has withheld (sealed from access) certain matters because it is not yet His time to make them known. The mystery of the 'Church Age' was **hidden to all Old Testament prophets** and remained latent until it was revealed to Paul by the resurrected Jesus. Details concerning *the resurrection* were not known until after the apostolic age. Certain matters dealing with *the end of the age* was sealed from Daniel. John who recorded The Revelation was told in Revelation Chapter 10 that was sealed until the time of the end.

Contrary to what some would assert, not all the knowledge or answers (facts) are revealed. God has a time and sequence to complete his plan are for The Church, for Israel and for the world. As God said to Daniel and to John in Revelations, go your way, these matters are to be 'sealed' and be revealed in a time yet to come.

EXAMPLES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BRINGING FORTH REVELATION

Matthew 16:16 *But who say ye that I am? Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter, answers and says, "You are the Messiah, the son of the Living God." Jesus then tells Peter, "- - - Flesh and blood have not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. **This is an example of how we receive knowledge of hidden things,***

1Corinthians 2:0 - *"Eye has not seen nor ear heard, neither has entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those that love him. 10: But God has revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. 11. For man knows the things of a man, save the Spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God, know man knows, but the Spirit of God.*

Introduction to Bible Mysteries

The Bible, Word of God, is not an ordinary book. It is divinely inspired or more correctly, divinely authored. The word has an informational component, but more importantly it has a revelatory component. The word translated as "Word" has two forms in original Greek text. The Logos and the Rhema. The **Logos** pertains to the sum of the recorded word, the total counsel of God or the mind of God in its sum and its character. It may also be said that the Logos pertains to the *Law of God*. The **Rhema** is the word which means "spoken" or voiced, the Rhema component is the portion of the Word which is God breathed in the present moment. It is the *voice* of God which speaks spiritually to the mind and heart of the reader, or in this case "the hearer".

Hearing

True hearing is a spiritual process. The Spirit of God releases us to hear. The human ears are not the organ for spiritual hearing. The scripture says, "Man can not live by bread only, but by every word, (Rhema) which proceeds from the mouth of God. " It is God himself who governs this flow of his revelation into the hearts (an organ of inner knowing) of the hearer and this by an act of Grace. Even understanding is through the Grace of God.

Though for some this Grace appears absent to many who pick up the Scriptures to read casually, it is available to those who ask for it humbly in faith. It would be presumptuous, however, to assume that we are automatically entitled to it. It is equally presumptuous to assume we may understand or comprehend the mystery of the Word with only the natural mind. Again the apostle Paul reminds us, "the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life."(2Corinthians 3:6) The Holy Spirit is He who God has sent to teach all things which are from Christ and God. As I stated, I am only one commentator, and do not pretend to be the only person who has received this understanding and doctrine for God is without partiality without 'respect of persons. ' He will reveal Himself to any who seek Him.

Judge the words and spirit of any who profess to speak of/for God. You the reader or hearer must judge these words against the Logos, the written Scripture, the whole counsel of God. Then there is the inner witness; the AMEN of God is the FAITHFUL WITNESS. The knowledge of God is free to all. But, the knowledge of God is hidden or veiled until the veil is removed by the Spirit of Christ Jesus. We who are of the faith may say, "I was once blind, but now I see" (read, John Chapter 9.)

Here is an introduction to essential BIBLICAL MYSTERIES

Many doctrines remain untaught or unrealized by nominal Christians, today. Yet, the teachings here are not esoteric or so-called "occult." Truths in the Bible are veiled until

the HOLY SPIRIT reveals these truths to a believer. It remains apparent that all who read the Bible do not apprehend the same doctrines or truths. Christian sects differ on what are the principle doctrines of the Bible because of the interpretation and understandings that they are guided to believe. {Links are found at top of page}

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