

The Secret of the Lord

The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.
— Psalm 25:14 —

Secrets are private matters of great value and import held in confidence by a select few. In fallen men, secrets frequently and unfortunately carry a negative connotation in that the value they hold has a great propensity toward harm or embarrassment if revealed.

But when God holds a secret, we must not regard it in the same negative light. Jesus said, "...in secret have I said nothing" (John 18:20). The secret of the Lord is therefore open – open to any and all who *want* to know it. The Word of God is a revelation of His will to all mankind. This secret, hidden in Christ from the foundation of the world, is now manifest to every son and daughter of Adam. Yet why do relatively so few know and understand it? Simply stated, it is directly proportional to each individual's desire to know it.

The truth is, each of us can be as close to God as we *want* to be. Almost every individual that God raised to prominence in the Scriptures was so elevated precisely because they wanted to be closer to Him than others. Abraham was the father of the faithful and the Friend of God because of the profound tendency to simply listen to Him and believe Him. Moses was entrusted with the Law of God due to a heart that desired to see His glory. Daniel was a man greatly beloved and a revealer of secrets because he had set his heart to understand God's Word. John was the beloved disciple because he sought to be close enough to Christ to hear the Savior's very heartbeat. Paul was God's instrument to the Gentiles because his chief desire was to know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings. Over and over again, we see that God's inner circle is made up of individuals who possess an *overwhelming desire to know Him and understand His ways*.

We only share the most intimate thoughts of our hearts and lives with those we trust. God is much more gracious than man, revealing His plan openly to all of mankind. Yet it is also true that His secret is with them that fear Him. It is only to those who want them that He will entrust the hidden treasures of His Word and the nuances, hues, and textures of His character and plan. Are you trustworthy? All that is required is a desire to know Him more.

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