

09132020 the Mysterious God... We are often confronted with messages and challenges regarding the will of God for our lives but rarely do we discuss the unrevealed will of God. **The reality of the situation is that God's plans, methods and mind is so far removed from our sinful, finite being that we can never in this life plummet the depths, or soar to the heights of his unsearchable knowledge.** One of the most encouraging passages of Scripture that I have ever read is Deuteronomy 29:29

Deut. 29:29 The LORD our God has secrets known to no one. We are not accountable for them, but we and our children are accountable forever for all that he has revealed to us, so that we may obey all the terms of these instructions.

- This is a fact that all followers of God will wrestle with and hopefully come to rest in... That what God has revealed we are accountable for... what he has not we must trust him in and with.
- we do not have all the answers and never will about why God does what he does nor allows what he allows.... I am to love Him, obey Him, honor Him and trust that His ways and thoughts are higher than mine (Isa.55:8-9).

Isa 55:8 "My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the LORD. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine." 9 For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

- Our problem As humans is we are proud and haughty. We like to think that we can calculate the mysteries of God as though we are somehow going to ascend as finite beings to reason on par with an infinite God.
- We must learn to be satisfied in the understanding that we do not have the capacity to understand all of God's ways.
- Our goal is to be content to leave the 'secret things' to the Lord and His righteousness.

1 Corinthians 2: 9 That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”

—God has His time to make things known that can be known. He does not do it all at once, nor necessarily in this life. .

Romans 11:33 Oh, how great are God’s riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his ways! 34 For who can know the LORD’s thoughts? Who knows enough to give him advice? [!]
35 And who has given him so much that he needs to pay it back?

- However in reality this is a most difficult truth to hold on to...and I believe in the book of Job we receive a vivid picture of this... **As the book begins, Job is sitting on top of the world.**

***Job1** There once was a man named Job who lived in the land of Uz. He was blameless—a man of complete integrity. He feared God and stayed away from evil. 2 He had seven sons and three daughters. 3 He owned 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 teams of oxen, and 500 female donkeys. He also had many servants. He was, in fact, the richest person in that entire area. 4 Job’s sons would take turns preparing feasts in their homes, and they would also invite their three sisters to celebrate with them. 5 When these celebrations ended—sometimes after several days—Job would purify his children. He would get up early in the morning and offer a burnt offering for each of them. For Job said to himself, “Perhaps my children have sinned and have cursed God in their hearts.” This was Job’s regular practice.*

and boom he loses it all in a short period of time...following a discussion Jesus and Satan have in the heavenly court...which he will not know anything about...

⁶ One day the members of the heavenly court came to present themselves before the LORD, and the Accuser, Satan, came with them. ⁷ “Where have you come from?” the LORD asked Satan. Satan answered the LORD, “I have been patrolling the earth, watching everything that’s going on.” ⁸ Then

the LORD asked Satan, “Have you noticed my servant Job? He is the finest man in all the earth. He is blameless—a man of complete integrity. He fears God and stays away from evil.”⁹ Satan replied to the LORD, “Yes, but Job has good reason to fear God.¹⁰ You have always put a wall of protection around him and his home and his property. You have made him prosper in everything he does. Look how rich he is!¹¹ But reach out and take away everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face!”¹² “All right, you may test him,” the LORD said to Satan. “Do whatever you want with everything he possesses, but don’t harm him physically.” So Satan left the LORD’s presence.

- **Satan states that the only reason that Job is faithful is that God has blessed him with abundance. So we will see...so much for righteous living... Job’s world came crashing in. All was taken from him. Servant followed by servant followed by servant reported the devastation to crops and property until finally the last servant reports the death of all ten of his children, seven sons and three daughters.**
- *but Job did something that I admit I have sinned in....in all his losses he did not say god did him wrong...*

JOB 1: 22 In all of this, Job did not sin by blaming God.

Yes ...He did not Blame God saying he did him wrong...But I will tell you this: He like all of us asks when tragedy hits... Why God ?

- **Why would you let this happen?** his believed that he was unjustifiably being ill-treated and even appeared to question God's right to allow him to be treated in such a manner in fact **he spends the next 36 chapters asking and trying to investigate the why of the tragedy that had befallen him and especially his children.**
- **The struggle to find the answer to ‘Why’ has shipwrecked the faith of many.**
- **The objection that many have to belief in God is simply stated, “If God is good, ... why does he allow bad things to happen....**

- **There is no simple answer to our question ‘why’, no answer will provide cover swirling confusion and emotional turbulence involved tortuous trials, enduring the pains of injustice and betrayal, the grief of loss, the suffering and enduring associated with long term illness or disability.**
- **There is no oh ok that makes sense... so it is all good now.. The answers never that easy.**
- **But as the book of Job draws to a close, he gets an answer...but not to the question why?**
- **And i think i will take his answer as my own ...maybe you ought to too.. The God who appears in Job does not hold out the comfort Job had hoped for, preferring instead to expound on Job's limited understanding and the power, majesty and otherness of God."**
- **First how competent are you Job to call me in for questioning?**

Job 38 Then the LORD answered Job from the whirlwind: ² “Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorant words? ³ Brace yourself like a man, because I have some questions for you, and you must answer them

- **I rule over you and I rule over everything made before you...**

⁴ “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell me, if you know so much. ⁵ Who determined its dimensions and stretched out the surveying line? ⁶ What supports its foundations, and who laid its cornerstone ⁷ as the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?

- **Job who wants to counsel me ...must surely have some qualifications...to be my counselor...let me give you a few starting qualifications**
- **starting with the basics of the planet you live on.....surely counselor you understand these things**

- you obviously know what was the corner stone and surveying line...or the starting point?...so far all we have come up with thousands of years later is the big bang...
- Oh and as I was doing this...I was listening to the angels sing with Joy! ...
Oh and know this I rule over everything that takes place on and in the earth

*Job 38: 8 “Who kept the sea inside its boundaries as it burst from the womb,
9 and as I clothed it with clouds and wrapped it in thick darkness? 10 For I locked it behind barred gates, limiting its shores. 11 I said, ‘This far and no farther will you come. Here your proud waves must stop!’ 12 “Have you ever commanded the morning to appear and caused the dawn to rise in the east?*

- who poured the correct quantity of water in the sea...? and set up the process of evaporation...through the clouds and storms..and how did I set up the land masses to hold the water as in a cup?
- who exposes the wicked and what they do in the dark...bringing it to light an Judgment? and walks in the paths or currents of the sea...
and what about these: life and death...

JOB 38: 17 Do you know where the gates of death are located? Have you seen the gates of utter gloom?

- tell me about ***The portal where life ends and death begins...the door ...do you know where the gates of death open up to? what path the dead take?***
- ***Have you seen entry gates to gloom after death?***
let me simplify for you...just the earth

JOB 38:18 Do you realize the extent of the earth? Tell me about it if you know!

- ***tell me about your experiences discovering all there is to know about the mud ball you live on.. we don't even know fully the earth we live on....still....less that 15% of the Oceans expanse have been thoroughly explored***
- **lets just sum up your knowledge...**

Job 38:21 But of course you know all this! For you were born before it was all created, and you are so very experienced!

- *God 100- Job 0...you are so experienced..which means you life has been so long and your experiences so vast...you can completely counsel me!*
- *this goes on another chapter...*
- **I feel bad for Job...because it could have been me.... because we all like Job will question God in the valley...**
we come to chapter 40...

40 Then the LORD said to Job, ² “Do you still want to argue with the Almighty? You are God’s critic, but do you have the answers?”

- **you are critiquing the Almighty God... God Almighty" is written as *El Shaddai* and means “God, the All-powerful One” that He is God above all things without limitation...**
- **Seeing he had no experience with, or knowledge of those things that God accomplished so long before he was born... He would certainly then, not be able to comprehend how God's ties it all together in the present and ultimately bring to fruition God's plans for everything in the future : he was in no position to critique God..**

Job 40:3 Then Job replied to the LORD, ⁴ “I am nothing—how could I ever find the answers? I will cover my mouth with my hand. ⁵ I have said too much already. I have nothing more to say.”

- **The LORD Challenges Job Again this time about His Justice...his character...**

Job 40:6 Then the LORD answered Job from the whirlwind: ⁷ “Brace yourself like a man, because I have some questions for you, and you must answer them. ⁸ “Will you discredit my justice and condemn me just to prove you are right? ⁹ Are you as strong as God? Can you thunder with a voice like his? ¹⁰ All right, put on your glory and splendor, your honor and majesty. ¹¹ Give vent to your anger. Let it overflow against the proud. ¹² Humiliate the proud with a glance; walk on the wicked where they stand. ¹³ Bury them in the dust. Imprison them in the world of the dead. ¹⁴ Then even I would praise you, for your own strength would save you.

- **bottom line ...do you think I will not do right? do you think I cannot bring about Justice? the evil are more powerful than me? do you think I can lose? be overcome? my will thwarted?**
- **hey if you could do these things...I would praise you!**
- **only one thing left to do...Repent of his arrogance and ignorance...**

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- **Job was humbled....God was exalted to the place he rightly should be....God still had not told Job why he was suffering...what Job knew was that God was with him...And that God was with him was sufficient. Job did not have to know why...He knew God knew and that was enough .**
- **Maybe you need to come to that place in your life...when there are no answers there is comfort for your troubled heart.**
- **My experience with God after Gabe...never has told me why...but showed me heaven in his word. And that is good enough**
- **We must accept divine mysteries in our life. Know this God is worth your your, he is sovereign and the best is still to come...**

The secret to living life well is understanding our limits in understanding and realizing how powerless we really are... thankfully we have a God whose understanding is without limits and whose power is without limits...and he loves us

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Job 42:10 When Job prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his fortunes. In fact, the Lord gave him twice as much as before! 11 Then all his brothers, sisters, and former friends came and feasted with him in his home. And they consoled him and comforted him because of all the trials the Lord had brought against him. And each of them brought him a gift of money[a] and a gold ring.

12 So the Lord blessed Job in the second half of his life even more than in the beginning. For now he had 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 teams of oxen, and 1,000 female donkeys.

- **because he works it all out for good...so good will come from it all so no need to say sorry...**

Rom 8: 28 And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them

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- @@@ What did he repent of? Underestimating God's plan and work and ways and faithfulness...and overestimating his ability to hold a rational level playing field conversation with God

- **I pray** God gives me the grace and wisdom to answer my own questions when i am downcast, and deeply disturbed.. and I don't understand..
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- **and what His leading has brought me to, will bring me through and will bring me out..... OUT to His Kingdom**
 - **Jesus' love and faithfulness and forgiveness are ever present....**
 - **I learn....we will not be delivered from suffering but we will be transformed through it...and Jesus is with me the whole way...** that is exactly what God accomplished through the crucifixion. He turned the evil of an unjust murder into the good of salvation.

so we say like Job...

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- **....oh how I relate...How about you?**

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- There is a purpose and well-defined plan designed for us. Our God given mission is delivered to us in many different ways. Sometimes we hear it in a whisper. Other times we force the situation and have to have it yelled at us.
- God reserves the right to deliver His plans as He sees fit. It is up to us to receive it. It is made very clear that in order to accomplish the awesome things that the Lord ...has for us, we will need Him every step of the way.
- We will face difficult and painful times on this journey of walking out God's plan for us. There are many times when we resemble anything but Christ. It fazes Him not one bit....he knew you going into the valley and he will bring you out...

- God revealed truth to Israel that was not given to other nations, and He called Israel to be a light and His witnesses to the Gentiles. He gave them to know that He – YHVH – is the Creator; the creation, the Flood, the ‘giants’. He has revealed these things that we would obey Him with faith.
- To Christians/the Church, God has given even more revelation. Believers in Jesus are His witnesses, and are to make known the true knowledge of God and of His salvation of both Jews and Gentiles through faith in Him and His Word.

And every believer as they rest in the knowledge that God is just and will always do right.

There is nothing that will concern or alarm the Christian who is dwelling in the secret place of the most High (Psa.91:1), and secured beneath by the everlasting arms (Deut.33:27).

In 1 Timothy, one of the qualifications for even a deacon is to hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.

1 Timothy 3:8-9

⁸In the same way, deacons must be well respected and have integrity. They must not be heavy drinkers or dishonest with money. ⁹They must be committed to the mystery of the faith now revealed and must live with a clear conscience.

- That mystery is surely the knowledge of Jesus as the Messiah and the Son of God – and the revelation of the triune God – the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit: YHVH our God is one.

There are some things, however, which we CANNOT know now – things which are still secret with God.

The Apostle Paul in his letter to Timothy writes of the many false teachers and teachings which come into the church – often by those who claim to know what no one else does.

–God has His time to make things known that can be known. He does not do it all at once, nor necessarily until after Yeshua returns. .

THINGS WHICH ARE STILL UNKNOWN, UNREVEALED:

1. Mt 24:36 Of that **day and hour [of Jesus’ return]** no one knows, not even the angels of Heaven, but My Father only.

–We *should* know the season, the times.

–the figtree blossoming; Israel’s re-establishment

–the falling away within the Church and the revelation of the anti-christ

–other signs given by Yeshua and the apostles pertaining to the last days

–If we, or the angels, could know, so could the Devil, but Jesus says the strongman will not know the hour the thief comes.

–We will know only **after** it happens at the precise time.

1Corinthians 2:7 **No, the wisdom we speak of is the mystery of God^[a]—his plan that was previously hidden, even though he made it for our ultimate glory before the world began. ⁸ But the rulers of this world have not understood it; if they had, they would not have crucified our glorious Lord. ⁹ That is what the Scriptures mean when they say,**

“No eye has seen, no ear has heard,

and no mind has imagined

what God has prepared

for those who love him.

He is a Father and a Teacher. The understanding of the mystery of the Church, with complete equality of Jews and Gentiles, was given primarily first to Paul.

–Satan wants to tempt and entice us to know things **now**, and be “like God”.

–Knowledge puffs up.

—**True** knowledge comes **only** from YHVH