Hidden In God

The Apostle Paul speaks regarding the mystery hidden in God when writing to the church at Ephesus. "To me, who am less than the least of all the saints this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who create all things through Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 3:8-10). Paul was given knowledge of the hidden from man plan God had put in place and was instructed to teach the plan to everyone.
Clearly, Paul speaks so that we understand, God's ways and thoughts are truly above that of man (Isaiah 55:8-9), and we must respect what God is willing to share with, and keep from us. Yet, throughout the ages, man has sought to gain access to that which God has purposefully kept hidden, and, as a result, found himself at odds with God for doing so.

God has always revealed unto man that which was necessary for him to be in accordance with His will. Moses declared, "The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do the words of this law" (Deuteronomy 29:29). Moses' point seems apparent. God told them, just as He tells us, what we need to know unto understanding. The fact that one may not understand what God has given and is not satisfied with the end result is not the fault of God. Nevertheless, such has never stopped man from seemingly wanting to know that which God did not/has not revealed.

The serpent presented himself to Eve and Adam. He tells Eve that God has not been upfront with her and informed her about all the benefits of eating from the

fruit of the tree in the midst of the garden. She then shares that information with Adam. "For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil" (Genesis 3:1-7). Indeed, the serpent was correct. At least partly. Until the moment Adam and Eve ate of that tree they had never experienced earthly life - a life filled with misery, pain, shame, evil... God had kept evil hidden from them. By doing the one thing they had been commanded not to do - by not respecting the things hidden in God - they became responsible for keeping God's will in a world that then became ruined by sin.

Today, there are many not satisfied with what God has revealed for man to do. However, the Christian must be satisfied and content to take God at His word and remain faithful in a world filled with false teaching. When the Christians at Corinth were bombarded with false teaching about the resurrection, Paul provided guidance from God. He states, "Behold, I tell you a mystery." He furthers by clarifying the return of Jesus. "We will not all sleep, but we shall be changed in a moment... at the last trumpet... the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed... therefore... be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:50-58).

Likely, it is safe to say, there are things that God has not revealed to us. Such is His right and His will as our God, Creator, and Father. What He has revealed for us is sufficient and it is good. Let us purpose to obey Him accordingly.