

God Is Not So Mysterious (Part 1)

(Understanding Miracles, Prayer, Providence, etc.)

I. Introduction:

A. People often hide ignorance behind Scriptures such as: **Deuteronomy 29:29**.

1. God's mind is beyond our own (**Romans 11:33-36**).
2. Yet, Jesus told His disciples... **John 15:15**.
3. God doesn't want to hide things from us (**Ephesians 1:3-9**).

B. God has made known MUCH of His ways (**Psalms 103:6-7**).

1. Even the hidden things of the Old Testament (**I Peter 1:9-12**) are now revealed (**Colossians 1:26-27**).
2. Those revealed mysteries are understandable (**Ephesians 3:1-11**).

II. Body: God Is A Revealer And Shares His Mind With Us (**I Corinthians 2:1-16**).

A. We have all we need to know (**II Timothy 3:15-17** and **II Peter 1:1-4**).

1. God has freely foretold of things to come (**Isaiah 46:10-11**).
2. God has explained why He did things (**Isaiah 45:18-19**).
 - a. Ex. Why Israel wasn't totally destroyed (**Psalms 106:43-45, Amos 9:8-9, Acts 3:25-26**; cf. **Matthew 1:1**).
 - b. Ex. Purpose of miracles (**Mark 16:15-20**).
 - c. Ex. If He were behind a judgment amongst men, before "THE JUDGMENT", when and signs of it's coming (**Matthew 23:34-24:34**).
3. This doesn't mean we have all details (**John 20:30-31**).
4. However, we have all the needed details (**Psalms 19:7-11**).
5. Our Lord doesn't have this "I am too mysterious for you to get me" mind that people attribute to Him. Our Lord wants us to understand Him and His will (**Luke 24:13-27** and **John 17:3**).

B. Tough questions... Search and find the answers (**John 5:39**).

1. The knowledge is there if we want it (**Psalms 119:130**).

2. The pursuit of such knowledge must be likened to a search of a treasure (**Proverbs 2:1-6**; cf. **Matthew 13:44**).

C. Understand that God didn't and doesn't hide His works (**Psalms 145:9-13** and **John 18:20**).

1. "Hey, there's a rainbow." We know why (**Genesis 9:11-17**).

2. Why there are seasons, etc. (**Acts 14:17** and **Romans 1:20**).

3. God doesn't do something and allow men to wonder if He did it or not (**Isaiah 42:8** and **Isaiah 48:11**).

4. When God chose to be behind invasions He foretold of it, the reason why, etc. (**II Chronicles 36:14-23** and **Isaiah 44:26-45:4**) and left witnesses to testify afterwards (**Ezekiel 12:16**).

5. When a miracle was performed, there was a reason (**Hebrews 2:3-4**; cf. **Acts 4:1-14**).

III. Conclusion: We Can See If We Just Look (**Psalms 19:1** and **Acts 17:16-31**).