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“THE SECRET THINGS BELONG UNTO THE LORD: THE HIDDEN GOD”

*"The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law."
Deuteronomy 29:29*

The secret things belong unto the LORD God. He makes His paths and ordinances plain unto all those who truly endeavor to honor and belong to Him, so that His people can be molded into His Image and thus become His fully matured, **“Huioi”** [Greek] sons and daughters – His Fathered Family. Then they are to perpetuate God's Fatherhood into their children, and into their future generations, creating a continual habitation for God upon the earth, until the day that He returns to establish His Kingdom.

So the essential, immediate, necessary things that pertain unto mankind's salvation, sanctification, transformation, and spiritual preservation are made open and laid out obviously, so that any and all – "whosoever will" – can readily find the path of eternal life. **But God also has secret things... deeper, more intimate, more precious things, that pertain unto Himself, and He must be earnestly sought out in order for us to find them!** God promises to be found by those who will seek Him with their whole hearts (*"And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart."* Jeremiah 29:13). And His method of revealing and delivering these deeper mysteries unto His people who do hunger and thirst after Him is through the conduit of His chosen five-fold men of God – starting first with a doma APOSTLE, who will then bring these truths down unto the channels of the other five-fold offices who are aligned, in synch, and in right relationship with, the Apostle and Apostolic Government Order that has been provided for them as a covering, structure, and framework for all operations of ministry.

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God the Father reveals the deeper, more hidden, most sacred truths about Himself **firstly unto His Apostles**. Then, those whose spirits long and clamor to be immersed in that dimension of God will be drawn and called unto the ministry of such an Apostle.

In the last few Summit Convergences of 2025, Apostle Seymour has been delving into a few of these hidden wonders and secrets of God. We learned how, when God the Father created the Universe, He built all of Creation, Time, and Eternity **NOT** firstly with physical elements and matter, **BUT FIRSTLY** by establishing a backbone or framework of **SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES / SPIRITUAL ORDINANCES**. This underlying framework, though unchangeable and eternally fixed, is at the same time also alive, and even has a measure of flexibility (**Apostle Seymour will be bringing out more about this at the upcoming Spring 2026 Summit Convergence*). Other additional layers or dimensions of creation were then draped over, or laid atop, this framework. All of these are knit and woven together to form a symbiotic, Divine tapestry, engineered by God the Father's Incomparable Foreknowledge and fashioned by His Master Artisan's Hand. **God designed many interconnected levels of Creation!**

The **SPIRITUAL FOUNDATIONS**, or **PILLARS**, that hold up and sustain Creation, are composed of the essence of God the Father's own innermost traits – traits of right and wrong, of justice and mercy, of **KING** and **PRIEST**. **KING** and **PRIEST**, of course, refer us to **THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK**.

****Apostle Seymour has preached volumes concerning The Order of Melchizedek over the last several decades. Very briefly, the Order of Melchizedek refers to an Eternal archetype of King—Priest rule that was originally prepared for 1st Man Adam, through which he was to be the first ruler of righteousness over all of the world. This would pass down to righteous son-successors who would then carry on that mantle and anointing. We see Father Noah's son, Shem, holding that position in Genesis 14. King David recorded the LORD's declaration of this same calling which would apply to God the Son Jesus, "...Thou art a priest for ever after the Order of Melchizedek" (Psalm 110:4) The Apostle Paul repeated these words and clarified the doctrine and God the Son Jesus' fulfillment of it throughout the book of Hebrews. The elements of KING and PRIEST, which can be also summarized as JUDGMENT and MERCY, are perfectly blended in The Order Of Melchizedek. As this is an Eternal Expression of God the Father's Innermost Nature and Governing of His People, it is the same template that was passed down from God the Father, to God the Son Jesus, and to the New Testament Apostles, and then filtering down into all areas of true, pure New Testament Church design. If a man of God is not operating in or by the principles of The Order of Melchizedek, then his church / ministry will be incomplete, lacking, one-sided, and will not transmit God's Truth or meet the needs of the people! A real New Testament Church, which must be founded / led by an Apostle, who unfolded from God the Son Jesus, Who unfolded from God the Father, has to follow the pattern of The Order Of Melchizedek, in spiritual nature and in mantle! Please look at our website for radio broadcasts, prior Summit Convergence Brochures, or contact the office for more materials if you are interested in learning more.****

The Ordinances of the Universe are constituted of the Nature of MELCHIZEDEK; the Spiritual Pillars of the Universe are built upon the Ordinances of MELCHIZEDEK. This is the bedrock of ages and eons – a Universe whose laws and governances were formed not with or upon **MATTER**, but were instead formed with and upon **MORALITY**. Creation has a physical plane to it, which is layered on top of a spiritual dimension, which is more real than that which is seen by the natural eye!

Judaism envisions, from the teachings of the Oral Torah, that God the Father created and established **7 THINGS BEFORE** He ever began the Divine Week of Creation, as recorded in Genesis 1.

THESE 7 MYSTERIES ARE:

The 1st: **THE TORAH**, forged from Black and White Fire, sitting on the "LAP" of God the Father; *(this has direct parallels to the Biblical Description of the Indwelling WORD of God the Father, which dwelt within His Bosom before issuing forth in FLESH and becoming God the Son JESUS – John 1:1, 2, 14, 18) The word "LAP" in Hebrew is correlated with the BOSOM, or an innermost part, of God the Father.*

The 2nd: **THE ETERNAL THRONE ROOM** of God the Father, sometimes described as inhabiting the 3rd Heaven, sometimes called the 7th Heaven, alternately called "The Heaven of Heavens" – all of which are referred to in both the Old and the New Testaments.

The 3rd: **HEAVEN / PARADISE** on the **RIGHT HAND** of God the Father;

The 4th: **HELL** on the **LEFT HAND** of God the Father *(the placement of these are clearly alluded to in Matthew 25 [and in other places], when God the Son Jesus Himself gives testimony of the Great Judgment, when the sheep at the Right Hand of God the Father enter into heaven, and the goats at the Left Hand of God the Father are banished and cast into hell);*

The 5th: **THE CELESTIAL SANCTUARY**, set in the front of God the Father / before His Face (Hebrew word PANIYM, "face, faces, Presence, facets, the turning of the face"), so that the goings-on, the intercessions, the obedience, and the weighings of God's people are forever before His Sight.

The 6th: **A JEWEL WITH THE NAME OF THE MESSIAH** carved upon it, lying upon the Heavenly Altar which is located within the Celestial Sanctuary... A Contracted Cornerstone already established even before the first human spirit was created.

The 7th: **A VOICE THAT CRIES, "RETURN, O MAN"** ...the everlasting call of the Holy Ghost to mankind... the draw of conviction and the gift of repentance. This is the Spirit of God the Father perpetually crying out to and communicating with all who have (*spiritual*) ears to hear, offering chances, retries, and fresh starts galore to any who have fallen short or grown cold in their pursuit of and walks with God. *Eternal restoration is always emanating from the Throne Room of God to humanity!*

All Of These 7 Things Created Before The Foundation Of The World Have Just Been Briefly Introduced And / Or Mentioned By Apostle Seymour; They Will Each Be Examined In Depth As These Future Convergences Unfold.

Now God the Father is a straightforward God. He does not make Himself difficult to find. He is not deceptive. He is **LIGHT**, He operates in the Light, and he does not forever remain in darkness or obscurity. He readily and purposely makes Himself known unto mankind. He is a **TRUTHFUL, TRUSTWORTHY GOD** and **FATHER** to His People! He leads His people in **RIGHT** and **STRAIGHT** paths... He will not lead His own down a wrong path, down a path where you will stumble and be cast aside, but where you can safely and assuredly follow Him. God IS to be **SOUGHT AFTER**, but He does not make it impossible to find Him. He promises to make Himself known. In truth, He really **LONGS** to make Himself known! But we are to seek Him with **ALL** of hearts, minds, souls, and strength:

"And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart. AND I WILL BE FOUND OF YOU, SAITH THE LORD."

Jeremiah 29:13,14

Still, God does have secret things concerning Himself, and secret truths locked into all areas of His Creation. One of the main Hebrew words for "secret" that describes this is **cether / cathar, meaning "to conceal, to hide (by covering), to hide self, keep secret, keep close..."** God has different levels of revealing His Word – for instance, 3 of the main categories are the **LOGOS** (*the plain and straightforward, direct and literal surface interpretation of the Word of God*); the **RHEMA** (*an activated, living, Holy-Ghost-quickened, oftentimes personally tailored Word of God specifically targeted to an immediate need or situation*); and the **ORACLES** of God (*deeper, interconnected, foundational mysteries of God, unearthed and revealed to an Apostle, who then communicates and brings forth these principles of Eternal Life to those who will treasure them as the Divine Jewels that they are*). Prophet Daniel, who was many times a recipient and a conduit of the deep mysteries of God in a wicked world, said that God "...revealeth the deep and secret things: He knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with Him." (*Daniel 2:22*) Amos 3:7 tells us, "Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets." The Very Comprehensive, Full-Fledged, Apostolic-Type Old Testament Prophets share a parallel calling to the Founding New Testament Apostles / Governmental Founding Apostolic Men of God. So Old Testament Patriarchs / Prophets / Men of God that carried the weight and caliber of the Antediluvians (1st Man Adam – Father Noah); Father Abraham, Father Isaac, Father Jacob; Man of God Moses, King David, Prophet Elijah, Prophet Isaiah, Prophet Jeremiah, and similarly-called Old Testament men of God, ***were like the Old Testament Version or Equivalent of New Testament Founding Apostles – real FATHERS, PATRIARCHS, and FIVE-STAR GENERALS of Judaism and then Christianity.*** So in the New Testament, when God the Son Jesus called and trained His 12 Apostles (*and at the same time trained the other faithful who followed Him, such as the 70, and the other devoted men and women of His company during His time on earth*), it was **most specifically given unto His Apostles** to receive the understanding of the secrets of God, for instance, revealed in the many parables that He taught, and in so many object lessons that He walked them through. Jesus gave many deep revelations of the Kingdom of God out to the multitudes at large, but the deepest, more powerful, more penetrating aspects of His Teachings were shrouded in mysteries and in parables. **They were only made plain to His Apostles.** As Jesus told the disciples in Matthew 13:11, "...because it is given unto you (Apostles) to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given."

But the responsibility that God the Father places *firstly* upon His Apostles, and then onto the other Five-Fold Men, is that they receive and comprehend these mysteries that are entrusted unto them, FOR WHAT PURPOSE? For the purpose of these apostles then passing the understanding of God's mysteries down, in different degrees, to those who are joined to their Apostle and their House of God. These secrets are delivered and then interpreted so that **whomsoever** seek for God, longing to know Him and His Truth, will be taught, instructed, and thus transformed. God reveals His secrets to His Apostles for the purpose of the Apostles then declaring and preaching it to the people and the metrons. **So it is the burden upon the Apostles to bring forth the hidden mysteries unto all else who will hear!**

God's Hidden Mysteries are kept hidden ... holden... disguised from the prying eyes of the wicked. They are hidden from much outward observation. The book of Daniel points this out: "...Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; **but the wicked shall do wickedly, and none of the wicked shall understand;** but the wise shall understand." (*Daniel 12:9,10*) **Wickedness takes away any of your ability to understand Truth.** Any who retain wickedness within themselves, or who choose to persist in wicked ways after having been presented with truth, **will never be able to comprehend God's mysteries of any level.** Job 28 says that wisdom is hidden from the eyes of all living, and from the fowls of the air (fowls of the air being a reference to unclean spirits). Hence, **"there is a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen"** (*Job 28:7*) Then Job postulated, "Whence then cometh wisdom? And where is the place of understanding?... Destruction and death say, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears." (*Job 28:20, 22*) Destruction and death – the forces of evil – have *heard the fame* of God's hidden wisdom and mysteries. **But these wicked forces can never perceive, never grasp, never ascend, never attain to this wisdom.** Evil can only say, "Well, I've heard a rumor about God's wisdom", but it can never figure it out. Because **ONLY GOD KNOWETH THE PATH THEREOF.**

The book of James points out distinctions between earthly, sensual, devilish reasonings that set people at war with themselves and with God, contrasted to the pure, peaceable, wisdom of God that descends from heaven onto those who lean on the LORD (*James 3:13-18*). It is a confirmed policy that God does hide His Wisdom, plans, and secret things from the evil forces / principalities / princes of this world. This is why the devil always overplays his hand, because he has only "heard of the fame" of God's wisdom, but it is nonsense to those who are perishing – **those with no interest**, who treat God's precious jewels like a cornucopia thrown into a pigpen. They will never find it out, will never learn to even see the way or the path to get to the secret place where God's wisdom resides! This is why evil always loses in the end, and why all the plans of wickedness finally come to naught! This is why the principalities couldn't perceive that Jesus' Crucifixion and subsequent Resurrection would be their eternal undoing. This is why the Pharisees with prideful and wicked hearts could never understand the truths that Jesus preached. This is why they misunderstood Him, maligned Him, it is why they were always challenging Him, questioning Him, and arguing with Him. This is why they thrived on trying to lay traps for Him, ultimately framing Him, capturing Him, and sentencing Him to die. (*Yet there were some Pharisees among their company, such as Nicodemus, Joseph of Arimathea, Gamaliel, who had pure hearts. To them, Jesus would come and reveal His Truth, and they received it. Even when they didn't completely understand it yet, they sincerely received it within their hearts and beings, and the fruit of it would be brought forth in time.*) **In the same way, people today who harbor wickedness, pride, strife, envy within themselves, who do not have interest or heart to be committed to God, who live as rebels to God's Laws and Commandments, who are always fighting Truth, cannot understand God's Ways, and certainly not His Mysteries and Secrets.**

That is why they continually advocate sinful behaviors...

...cannot endure or abide sound doctrine...

...will not listen to a real man of God...

...& refuse to become a part of a true consecrated Church that clings to truth.

There is a godless force active in the land today that has twisted and warped society's perception of right and wrong, so that many people today think that **SIN** and **REBELLION** is the acceptable way to be, and any who stand up for **GOD** and **TRUTH** are an oppressing problem. It has become a time of great deception in the land, and many are following after these paths of wickedness. People's eyes have become full of darkness, therefore their entire beings are full of darkness too. What results is a people, a society, a generation, a world that not only consumes darkness, but becomes consumed in darkness. **MUCH** of this generation has become entrenched in such darkness that they have become like blind moles or furtive cockroaches – squinting, flinching, and scuttling away from the very Light that has the power to deliver them.

There are different levels of interpretation of the Scriptures. Each level has great merit, and does not contradict the truths revealed in the other levels. Apostle Seymour has always spoken of **LOGOS** Word of God, the **RHEMA** Word of God, and the **ORACLES** of God as three main levels. In Judaism, there are 4 widely known degrees of interpreting levels of truth in the Bible. They range from the obvious, outright surface level, all the way to a mystery level. The names of these 4 levels begin with the letters "PEH" ("P"), "REISH" ("R"), "DALET" ("D"), and finally "SAMECH" ("S"). The Jewish people put these four letters together to form an acronym which refers to the various interpretations – "P" + "R" + "D" + "S", or "PaRDeS". The Jewish people relate this acronym "PaRDeS" to the English word "PARADISE". Their stance is that **as you increase in understanding the Word of God in more complete, more comprehensive fashion, you draw closer to God and thus closer to the state of your inner being living back in PARADISE, or The Garden Of Eden.** Filling yourself up with more and more volume and dimensions of God's Truth is supposed to return you to that unseparated, pristine state of union with God the Father, before the fall ever took place and separated man from close communion with God in the Garden of Eden. That is an encapsulation of the goal of deeper Torah learning, as Judaism explains it.

There are parallels between Judaism's 4 levels of Scripture Interpretation and the 4-step process of rumination – a cow chewing his cud, which eventually turns grass into milk. There are also parallels between Judaism's 4 levels of Scripture Interpretation and the 4 chambers of the human heart, through which blood is pumped and oxygenated and sent into every corner of the body. And Judaism also sees parallels between the 4 levels of Scripture Interpretation that relate to the process of threshing grain, removing the chaff, and beating out the wheat into fine flour. It is a definite fact that the Word of God is like a many-faceted diamond or gemstone, and as you turn it multiple ways in the sunlight, you will always find more facets coming forth. **And every facet is but another part of the same Word of God.**

Continuing with the hidden mysteries and secrets of God, Apostle Seymour preached about how God the Father had to / chose to **hide Himself after the fall of mankind**. Before 1st Man Adam's fall, God the Father showed Himself to 1st Man Adam unrestricted, unveiled, unobstructed. From Creation and during the Garden of Eden, God fully dwelt with man, open and visible. The "Shekinah" Glory of God, or Manifest Presence of God, was interwoven and present all throughout Creation. The Hebrew word "Shekinah" comes from the Hebrew root "SH-K-N", meaning "to dwell, to reside, to tabernacle", and also conveying through its very letters the concept of The **ONE** but **TRIUNE** God miraculously covering and hovering over that which is underneath Him. **But after sin entered the world through 1st Man Adam's disobedience, all of Creation was subjected to the curse. Sin, death, pain, suffering, and sorrow all invaded the perfect Paradise God had intended for His beloved offspring. They now found themselves separated in layers / degrees / dimensions from the Person and Visible Presence of God the Father and from Paradise.** Before this occurred, God the Father was able to walk in the Garden and commune freely with man. **But with the entrance of sin, the Holy Shekinah Presence of God had to remove Itself – separate Itself in a measure.** The Presence of God did not totally abandon His Creation, but He did have to step back and withdraw Himself by a space. 1st Man Adam now experienced a *reduced measure* of God's Immediate Person. Genesis 2:8 tells us that 1st Man Adam and Eve "... heard THE VOICE of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day..." So they went from being and fellowshipping with God, *to now only being able to HEAR HIS VOICE*. Judaism and Oral Torah records that when 1st Man Adam "woke up" from being newly created, he was looking directly into the eyes of God the Father. And that 1st Man Adam observed the miraculous wonders of the First Sabbath from the Divine heavenly realms all the way through the newly created earthly realms. **But now, God the Father had to step back a measure. There was now a separation, a distance, between Creator and Creation, that had not existed before.**

Upon the withdrawal / the removing / the departing of the Shekinah from Its original proximity to man, the world itself underwent a great altering from its prior state of perfection. One way to possibly describe what took place was that after sin infected and infested the world, that overlaying sphere or dimension of "heaven on earth" that was first intermingled and infused into Creation *separated Itself* and *departed back upwards towards the Heavens*. Now there was no more free access to the state of living in Paradise on Earth. Jewish thought peruses the possibility that the entire Garden of Eden departed upwards and back towards God the Father's Bosom; it also considers that perhaps the Garden of Eden is now hidden, veiled, off limits, and protected by angelic guards (*as Genesis 3:24 testifies*).

The Holy Ghost (None other than The Spirit Of The Father) (*Matthew 10:20*) departs when He is grieved. Sin is a heartbreaking affront and abomination to Him; His Holiness causes Him to not look upon sin. So the original sin of 1st Man Adam and Eve *caused the Shekinah Presence of God the Father to loose Itself from Its blending into the earth,* and to retreat a step farther away, back into the 1st Heaven. The atrocious sin of Cain killing his brother, the righteous Abel, then caused the Shekinah to sorrowfully depart another step farther away – from the 1st Heaven into the 2nd Heaven. (In Genesis 4, Cain can still converse with God the Father before he murders Abel. And even after the despicable act is done, God still carries on a direct conversation with Cain. So although this increasing sinfulness was causing God to begin to distance Himself from mankind's immediate presence, He had not entirely removed Himself from interacting with them.)

The sins of the bloodline of Cain stacked up and grieved God even more, so the **Shekinah** backed away from mankind yet again and ascended **back into the 3rd Heaven.** (Ancient Christian Church "Traditions" say that when Seth's descendants were living on top of the holy mountain and kept themselves separated from all the blasphemy and filthy carousings of the Cain-ites, who had descended to the plains below, that the righteous Sethites could still hear some of Heaven's music and the movements of the angels taking place up above their heads. In other words, the **Shekinah** was still not too far away at that point.) (This also lends credence to the common archetype that people go up onto a mountain top to find God. Even in secular cultures and false religions, there is always someone living at the top of a mountain, who lives closer to God and to Truth than others do. There is actual Truth to the universal theme of people ascending to the mountain tops to draw closer to God.) The sins of the generation of the Great Flood made the **Shekinah** keep departing upwards; and finally, the gross and horrid sins of Nimrod and Babylon's Empire made the **Shekinah** so grieved that It departed **all the way back into the 7th Heaven.** **The world had collapsed into idolatry in every corner, and the knowledge of God had virtually disappeared from mankind, save what had been preserved in the House of Father Noah and Son Shem.**

The Rabbis teach that every time the **Shekinah** retreated back farther into the Heavens, that the world knew less of the Truth & the Presence of God. God's Once-Perfect, Ordered Creation turned into a lawless jungle. Natural order was defied and flipped upside down. God's ways were ridiculed, ostracized, persecuted, buried, then completely forgotten. This sounds very familiar to the state of our nation and the majority of this world for quite some time. Although America has seen some turning around back to uplift Christianity and godly moral laws for a short time, there is still much to be done. There is an oppressive threat of anti-Semitism that is sweeping the world right now, and a looming increase in many who advocate adopting cruel, harsh systems of rule that fight against Christian and Jewish morals AND people. We are still living on the edge of a dangerous precipice. **We are in a condition very similar to where the world stood during Nimrod's reign... in dire need for God's Apostolic Truth and the Shekinah Presence and Glory of God to return in a strong, powerful, overwhelming way in the lives of people and in the ways of our nation.**

During the days of Nimrod's far-reaching rule, there was a baby born. His father called him Abram. Abram had to be hidden from the murderous intent of Nimrod. His life stayed threatened and he had to be sent to the House of Father Noah and Son Shem to be raised safely into adulthood. There, he was taught the ways of God. When he was grown, Abram returned into Babylon (Ur of the Chaldees). He began to publicly resist and overthrow idolatry, and to spread the Word and the Knowledge of the One True God. **Abram, who became Father Abraham the Friend of God, was the 1st man to reverse the trend of the Shekinah withdrawing from the earth.** The light and the proselytizing efforts of Father Abraham is said to have caused the **Shekinah to begin drawing back nigh unto mankind – coming back down from the 7th Heaven into the 6th.** The life and the accomplishments of his son, Father Isaac, established enough more righteousness among mankind to cause the Shekinah to return **from the 6th Heaven down into the 5th.** Then the life and actions of his son, Father Jacob, caused it to come even closer, **from the 5th Heaven back down into the 4th.** So it continued step by step, through the generation of the 12 sons of Jacob, then through the chain of righteous forefathers and leaders of the people of Israel who continued to spread and build back the ways of God into the earth, **until finally arriving at the days of man of God Moses. It was man of God Moses' part in the Eternal Commission that finally drew the Shekinah back down from the Heaven above onto the earth.** Judaism declares that the **Shekinah** had already returned as close as the 1st Heaven during the days of Father Amram (man of God Moses' father). It was now hovering back so close in the atmosphere that God was able to put on a full display of His great power in order to deliver the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage; the Ten Plagues astounded Pharaoh and all of Egypt! **It had been a loooooong time since anyone had seen such incredible miracles taking place – because the Presence of God was drawing closer and closer! God's miracle working power had become as close as your next breath!**

The miracles of Passover and the parting of the Red Sea sealed their Exodus from Egypt. And the **Shekinah** descended all the way back down onto earth, very literally taking place when the Visible Presence, Glory, and Audible Voice of God descended upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the children of Israel in the wilderness. **The Shekinah had touched down visibly on the earth once again, for God the Father had never lost His desire to be able to dwell among man!** This took place on the Day of Shavuot (which would become the Day of Pentecost thousands of years later). On this day, God the Father came into covenant with the entire nation of Israel again – He betrothed any and all unto Himself who would be a part of His Divine Bride. *(It is thought that every living soul – past, present, and future – who would belong to God was present at this Covenant at Mt. Sinai. It was a meeting in Eternity, as well as in Time.)* Also during Man of God Moses' day, the LORD descended in the cloud and **STOOD BEFORE him** when He proclaimed His Name (*Exodus 34:5-7*). And finally when Man of God Moses descended from the mount back to the people, the glory of God was shining from his face. **The Shekinah had returned back upon the earth, offering Himself, ready and yearning for mankind to dwell with His Presence again.**

Overall, it is understood that ever since the fall of man, the general state of mankind degenerates into not being pure enough to freely see or perceive God. God, though Omnipresent and always close at hand, had to operate among man in a veiled, hidden manner. He is always close by, but yet disguised, and seemingly distant and hidden. **Supposedly God had to cloak Himself among the dimensions of the natural, not visible to the outward eye.** God still wants to stay in close proximity to man, but sin and fallen nature is a dividing wall between Him and us. God has never forsaken or abandoned mankind. But mankind is in a position where *he has to truly and earnestly seek Him to really find Him.* **The God Who has volumes of hidden secrets and mysteries, is the God Who also has to partly hide Himself.** The Bible is full of references of seeking the LORD – the Patriarchs showed us how, King David echoed this mandate repeatedly, the Old Testament Prophets AND the New Testament Apostles all stressed the need to seek after God until He is found by us. Acts 17:27 says, "That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after Him, and find Him, though He be not far from every one of us:" The Greek word for "feel after" is "**psallo**", which means to reach, to pluck, like plucking strings. Stretching out your hands as it were into the darkness, to touch and reach and pull those invisible, interwoven strings, until it strikes the right "chord" inside your spirit. **The Hidden God is close and nearby to each one of us, but a solid principle in this still-fallen world is that HE MUST BE SOUGHT OUT TO BE TRULY FOUND.**

In accordance with this premise, we see that **The Hidden God**, Who truly longs to reveal Himself, declares that He hides and clothes Himself in thick darkness:

"Then spake Solomon, the LORD said that He would dwell in the thick darkness."
(1 Kings 8:12)

"Clouds and darkness are round about Him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of His Throne."
(Psalm 97:2)

Many references in the Bible mention God dwelling in or clothing Himself in thick darkness. This is **NOT** the word "**CHOSHEK**", which is the Hebrew term for darkness that relates to evil, wickedness, destruction, ruin, black as night. Rather, God dwells in the darkness of "**ARAPHEL**", an entirely different word. "**ARAPHEL**" refers to thick, looming, covering clouds, a sky descending low with clouds, or clouds coming down into a lower position in the sky. Jesus mentioned the sky being "...red and lowering..." as a weather indicator. (*Matthew 16:3*)

So for God the Father to clothe Himself with the "darkness" of "ARAPHEL", we can envision a swath of clouds hiding Him, reducing the outward appearance of His Overwhelming Glory, as He descends lower and lower to hover over man's realm. It can be interpreted that God is covering Himself with a cloud, and then dropping earthwards towards mankind, so that He can be among them. This way, God has a measure of dwelling and being among His people, even though He is hidden... *even though they do not perceive Him!* God the Father would "SHAKAN" – "dwell" – the root word for "SHEKINAH" – in this "ARAPHEL" cloud-darkened habitat. Man of God Moses knew that God had a secret place – the SHADOW of the Almighty (*Psalm 91:1*). It is a little-noted fact that the Bible tells us that God the Father "...came down to see the city and the tower [of Babel], which the children of men builded." (*Genesis 11:5*) He did not sit in heaven and get a report from an angel; the Bible tells us that **THE LORD CAME DOWN**. This would require God cloaking Himself, clothing Himself, covering Himself, with something that caused Him to go unawares among mankind. **Yes, The Hidden God sometimes chooses to operate with great secrecy and mystery!** The same principle applies as to why good angels, the ministering spirits dispatched from God, come down to perform assignments **in disguise**: "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." (*Hebrews 13:2*) **So the Omnipresent Father, so close and so near to everyone, still retains part of Himself as hidden and secret, yet waiting to be sought out by those who care to know Him and His Depths.**

As the children of Israel were betrothed unto God the Father at the original Shavuot (*which later would be fulfilled and re-enacted in the Day of Pentecost, and the Pentecostal experience of the Baptism Of The Holy Ghost*), so the level of consecration, dedication, and holiness that is imparted through a genuine Apostolic / Pentecostal / Shavuot experience and relationship with God **causes people to draw closer to God, to return back to a more intimate and dedicated state with Him. It brings the people of God many steps back closer to living in "The Garden Of Eden". You will have a closer relationship and more quickening knowledge and understanding of God with an Apostolic / Pentecostal / Shavuot level of relationship with God. A GENUINE HOLY GHOST BAPTISM AND HOLINESS CONSECRATED LIFE CAUSES GOD TO NOT BE AS HIDDEN AS HE WAS. HE IS MORE READILY, EASILY, PLAINLY, OBVIOUSLY REVEALED AND FOUND.** Your spiritual appetite, vision, perception, and comprehension multiplies enormously upon the entrance into a true Apostolic / Pentecostal lifestyle. The Holy Ghost will not dwell in unclean vessels. We must remain separated from sin and separated unto God to really live and flourish in this realm. God will only bring forth His Will and Wonders to a people who will consecrate and sanctify themselves unto Him. Otherwise, a distance, a chasm, will begin to develop between you and God, and the Shekinah will begin to slip away from Its dominant Presence and Reality in your life. God will once again have to clothe Himself in the ARAPHEL clouds and darkness, and you will feel a separation and void start to take place in your life. **People of God must be perpetually immersed in an Apostolic / Pentecostal / Shavuot degree of relationship with God the Father!**

The Book of Esther is one book that focuses on "The Hidden God". All through the Book of Esther, the Name of God is not once mentioned. Not "God", not "LORD", none of the Names of God appear in its scroll. There are many reasons for this, one of them being that the absence of the plainly declared Name of God **more sharply evidences the Presence of God's HIDDEN Hand, His HIDDEN Workings that mysteriously, miraculously, work all things together for good.** The Book of Esther also highlights the necessity of **humbling ourselves, fasting and seeking after God in a very serious and dedicated manner.** God does not just give us everything on a silver platter. **We must SEEK HIM OUT, and THEN we will see His Mighty Hand move.** It takes a process to seek God out and truly find Him, especially when it involves the deliverance of an entire people on a national scale. **There must be ardent, serious fasting and seeking God's Face and Will in a situation, before one can ever then step out in faith to help bring to pass that which God has decreed and already worked out in the invisible realm. Sometimes God's Will coming to pass REQUIRES A SERIOUS PARTNERSHIP OF MEN OF GOD AND PEOPLE OF GOD IN THE EARTHLY PLANE WITH "THE HIDDEN GOD".**

Another prime example of "**THE HIDDEN GOD**" staying "under wraps" until He is sought out is the incident of the Burning Bush:

"And the angel of the LORD appeared unto [Man of God Moses] in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush..."
(Exodus 3:2)

"And when forty years were expired, there appeared to [Man of God Moses] in the wilderness of mount Sina an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush."
(Acts 7:30)

God hid Himself in the bush, manifesting as / in a flame of fire. **But this Hidden God DID NOT REVEAL HIMSELF.** Many Christians think that God called out to Man of God Moses from the bush, and so Man of God Moses headed over to see what was going on and Who it was that was calling him. **But this is not the case.** God **WAITED** for Man of God Moses to **FIRST SEE** and **NOTICE** the wondrous sight of the blazing but unconsumed bush, **AND THEN** to **TURN HIS FEET OUT OF THE REGULAR PATH HE WAS TREADING, AND GO OVER TO THIS MYSTERIOUS SIGHT.**

"And Moses said, **I WILL NOW TURN ASIDE, AND SEE THIS GREAT SIGHT, WHY THE BUSH IS NOT BURNT.**"
(Exodus 3:3)

Man of God Moses didn't just look at this amazing sight and say "WOW", and then go about his preplanned day, business as usual. Many who are imperceptive, preoccupied, uncommitted, or insensitive do just that every day... they literally walk right past God every day, Who is waiting to reveal Himself to someone Who will seek Him out. But Man of God Moses did not do this. He **STOPPED** what he was doing – interrupted his plans. He **CHANGED** the course and direction of his feet. And then he **TURNED ASIDE TO SEE** what was going on with this peculiar spectacle that had presented itself.

IT WAS ONLY AFTER GOD SAW THAT MAN OF GOD MOSES TURNED ASIDE TO SEE... ONLY THEN... DID GOD CALL OUT HIS NAME FROM THE BUSH, AND GIVE HIM HIS COMMISSION.

"AND WHEN the LORD SAW THAT HE TURNED ASIDE TO SEE, GOD CALLED UNTO HIM OUT OF THE MIDST OF THE BUSH, AND SAID, MOSES, MOSES..."
(Exodus 3:4)

"When Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight: **AND AS HE DREW NEAR TO BEHOLD IT, THE VOICE OF THE LORD CAME UNTO HIM,**"
(Acts 7:31)

If Man of God Moses had not stopped what he was doing, had not changed his path to meet this Divine appointment, **THEN GOD NEVER WOULD HAVE CALLED OUT HIS NAME. GOD NEVER WOULD HAVE DECLARED HIS CALLING WITH A DOUBLE ENUNCIATION OF HIS NAME – "MOSES, MOSES" – ONCE IN HEAVEN, ONCE IN THE EARTH,** bringing his Divine Destiny down from the heavens to now take place in the earth. Instead, Man of God Moses would have just kept walking by. No name would have been called out. No commission would have been given. Man of God Moses would just have been "Moses", a shepherd in the desert of Midian, living in his father-in-law's household. The Hebrews would still be in bondage in Egypt to this day. **A VITAL LESSON HERE IS, "THE HIDDEN GOD" MUST BE SOUGHT AFTER AND FOUND. "THE HIDDEN GOD" draws so nigh to us, ready to increase us and set us in a forward-moving destiny, but He still **WAITS DAILY TO SEE IF WE WILL REALLY SEEK HIM OUT.** God the Father does cloak His Eternal Secrets from those who do not care enough to seek Him out! **FOR THOSE PEOPLE, GOD WILL ALWAYS LARGELY REMAIN "THE HIDDEN GOD".****

None of Man of God Moses' calling would have taken place if he had not been sensitive to the invisible prickings coming to his heart, perceived the draw of the Holy Ghost, and acted in obedience to draw near. **So it is extremely important for a MAN OF GOD, and for all people of God too, to live in a perpetual, unblocked, unhindered state of seeking the LORD. Must be sensitive to the Holy Ghost's call at all times... must accurately surrender to the voice of God... must be ready and willing to change our plans, our preconceived notions, and that with which we have become accustomed and comfortable. Eternal destinies and future generations can be at stake!**

"THE HIDDEN GOD" STILL STAYS HIDDEN IN SOME WAYS TODAY. HIS SECRETS AND MYSTERIES ARE ONLY BEQUEATHED TO HIS CHOSEN APOSTLES, WHO ARE THE ONES WHO SEEK GOD'S FACE LIKE NO OTHER. ALL APOSTLES MUST SEEK GOD'S FACE. ALL FIVE-FOLD MEN OF GOD MUST SEEK GOD'S FACE. ALL PEOPLE OF GOD MUST SEEK GOD'S FACE! God will only bring forth His Will and Plan, and will ONLY reveal His Wonders, to those will fully consecrate and dedicate themselves to Him! "THE HIDDEN GOD", though in some ways hidden, STILL IS EVER NEAR, SO CLOSE TO OUR HEARTS AND OUR TONGUES. HE REQUIRES THAT WE FEEL AFTER HIM AND FIND HIM, THOUGH HE BE NOT FAR FROM EVERY ONE OF US! And this great, "HIDDEN" GOD Who retains all mysteries and all knowledge, is so eager and anticipating with joy that we seek after and find Him, so that He can reveal Himself to us! THIS IS WHAT AN APOSTLE AND AN APOSTOLIC COMMISSION SPURS US ON TO UNVEIL, STEP BY STEP!

JOIN US AT THE SPRING 2026 SUMMIT CONVERGENCE, TO CONTINUE TO DISCOVER THE BARE BONES AND FOUNDATION OF WHAT "THE HIDDEN GOD" ESTABLISHED US UPON AND FOR! There is so much more to these **APOSTOLIC ORACLES OF GOD** that we need to have shown and imparted into us, so that we can continue to comprehend and take on more of **HIS PERFECT LIKENESS**, as **BECOMING** Sons and Daughters, well-pleasing to God our Father!

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FALL 2025 SUMMIT CONVERGENCE SCHEDULE

<u>Thursday 10-23</u>	7:30 PM	Convergence Meeting
<u>Friday 10-24</u>	11:00 AM 1:30 PM After lunch	Convergence Meeting Lunch (<i>provided</i>) Free Time
	7:30 PM	Convergence Meeting
<u>Saturday 10-25</u>	11:00 AM 1:30 PM After lunch	Convergence Meeting Lunch (<i>provided</i>) Free Time
<u>Sunday 10-26</u>	11:00 AM 4-5 PM	Sunday Convergence Meeting Sunday Dinner/Fellowship

- **LUNCHES** are provided both **FRIDAY** and **SATURDAY AFTERNOON**, after the Convergence meetings. Your hotels should offer a continental breakfast, and there are many local restaurants from which to choose for any other meal choices.
- Dress generally ranges from casual to dress-casual; of course you are welcome to dress more formally if you like. Please bring appropriate hiking attire and shoes if you wanted to walk over the property or participate in any of our outdoor activities.

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