

Hidden these Things from the Wise

Happy Wednesday!

As we continue learning Who God is and what He is like throughout the Old Testament, this week leads us to 1 Chronicles:

“Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles and the judgments he uttered,”

1 Chronicles 16:8-12 ESV

Every night, my 6-year-old daughter loves to play hide-and-seek before bed time. She loves finding the most exciting hiding place, the anticipation of being caught, and the joyous laughter once she's found! Only two rules for this game: someone has to hide and someone else has to seek. If everyone is hiding, it's not much fun. The point of the game is to *seek*.

In your day-to-day grind, what are you seeking? If you're "aimless" or "Master of your own ship", you'll end up nowhere. Likewise, seeking God is not an accidental accomplishment: it's intentional. It's purposeful. And it's necessary. Your life (this one and the one AFTER this one) depend upon seeking God.

Seeking God is like seeking a lost treasure:

(Jesus is speaking here) “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.”

Matthew 13:44-46 ESV

And just like hide-and-seek, we shouldn't only look in one place, we should keep looking. “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.” Matthew 7:7-8

What does God seek?

"Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks." John 4:23

Why does God hide His mysteries?

“At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.” Matthew 11:25-26 ESV

Those who are proud (who have no need of God because they are their own god) cannot comprehend having faith like a child - they cannot trust God because they only trust themselves. "With the merciful you show yourself merciful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless; with the purified you show yourself pure; and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous. For you save a humble people, but the haughty eyes you bring down. For it is you who light my lamp; the Lord my God lightens my darkness." Psalm 18:25-28 ESV

Let us worship the Glorious Lord together:

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Father, I pray that You would reveal yourself to the pure in heart and the humble in heart. Help us be humble enough to catch a glimpse of Who You truly are. Amen

What must you do to be saved?

"But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved." Romans 10:8-10

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