

MY SERMON notes

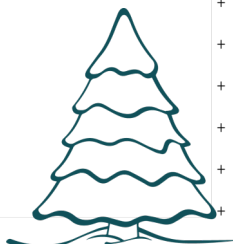
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today's scriptures

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LIFE LESSONS FROM THE WORD

In search of...the mysteries of God. The Bible is our number one source of learning and beginning to understand the heart of God. But within the Scriptures we are not given every answer right up front with the purpose of God desiring us to truly search for Him. Today's proverb shows us that God loves a good mystery. **"It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings"** (Pr. 25:2, NIV).

First, we might ask ourselves, how does God concealing a matter bring Him glory? The answer comes in the second half of the proverb, it is the searching out of the matter that brings God glory. Because when God gets us to search His Word for answers He has gone ahead of us and this is always His plan. God's Word is living and active, God's Word has transformational abilities, so if God gets us digging into His Word to help us understand some issue more He has gained our attention and often times our hearts as we search out His mysteries.

I think of one of the New Testament mysteries that people have been attempting to figure out for the past two-thousand years. When is Jesus returning? There have been so many people try to pinpoint this event over the years, and just this one mystery has drawn many to come to know God and have Jesus in their lives. The thing is the "when" of Jesus' return is less important for people than being prepared for the event to happen. But, when people are attempting to place a time on the event, often times they figure out that it is the preparation for this event that matters. When we find ourselves searching, God finds us!! Don't believe me, look into it!

Blessings, PD