

The wisdom and knowledge of God

There is no greater pursuit in this life than to know our Lord. Oh the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgements and unfathomable His ways! Even the foolishness of God is wiser than men. Yes, His ways are 'unsearchable' with our natural mind. Without understanding and illumination we cannot even begin to search the depths of the Lord and His riches. All our human wisdom will fall short and render His ways 'unfathomable'. It is the wisdom of God to ensure that the world, through its wisdom, will not come to know Him. Quoting the prophet Isaiah, Paul asked, 'Who has known the mind of the Lord?' He then concluded triumphantly, 'We have the mind of Christ'. This is the secret of the Lord, the council of Father, Son and Holy Spirit before all the ages began.

Job spoke of a time 'when the friendly counsel of God was over my tent, when the Almighty was yet with me'. King David called this His council and secret. He understood that the secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him, and that He will make known His covenant to them. This council occurred within community of *Elohim* between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit before all the ages and before the beginning. The prophet Jeremiah asked us, 'But who has stood in the council of the Lord, that he should see and hear His word? Who has given heed to His word and listened?' The Lord has hidden these things from the wise, but He is making them known to us if we will search after Him with all our heart.

References:

Rom 11:33, 34 1 Cor 1:21
1 Cor 2:16 Psa 25:14
Job 29:5 Jer 23:18

Further Study

Rom 11:25-36

Daily Proverb

Proverbs 30

First love and works

When we speak of '*Elohim*' we are using the Old Testament word for the Trinity or Godhead – the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Concerning the council of *Elohim*, Paul asked the question, 'Who has first given to Him that it might be paid back to him again?' No-one has given to the Lord. However, within the council of *Elohim*, the three persons of the Godhead give and offer to one another. This is the secret of the Lord. The Father gives, the Son gives, and the Holy Spirit gives. This is the substance of all offering, because it is the Lord who 'first loves' and 'first gives'. Speaking to the Ephesian church, Jesus called this 'first love' and 'first works'. We will consider that offering is the work of God. All the fullness of Their life has been made available to us in Their offering. And like Jesus, we must do the works of God.

King David understood this when he declared, 'All things come from You, and from Your hand we have given You'. These works of God were proclaimed in the council of God and in the Eternal Covenant. Let us say again that offering is the work of God. Offering is the way They give and express love. Each person in the Godhead 'first gives' Their own unique offering within this council. When each brings Their individual offering, there is a fellowship of giving and receiving. The offering of *Elohim* brings forth the Eternal Covenant. When we begin to offer, we can know this secret and know His covenant. He established His Eternal Covenant by offering before all the ages began. These are the deep things of God. As the great apostle pondered this, he could only marvel, 'Oh, the depth of the riches'.

References:

Rom 11:33 Rev 2:4-5
Jer 23:18, 22 Psa 89:7
1 Chron 29:14

Further Study

Heb 5

Daily Proverb

Proverbs 31

The mind of the Lord

Paul asked, 'Who has known the mind of the Lord?' When he spoke about the mind of Christ, Paul was referring to God the Son's attitude and willingness to empty Himself. He did not regard equality with the Father and the Spirit, but humbled Himself to be a bondservant. We must have this same mind and attitude as the Son. The need for equality can be such an issue for us.

The Son brought this attitude to empty as His part in the offering of *Elohim*. He made this known within the council of *Elohim* before all the ages began. This capacity to empty Himself is unique to God the Son. As His offering, the Father laid down the fullness of His fatherhood life to the Son so that the Son could become His Firstborn, the life of new creation. Then God the Son emptied Himself so that He could multiply everything that the Father laid down to Him. He humbled, stooped and bowed. He emptied Himself of all His fullness and the Lamb was brought forth as the offering of *Elohim*. The blood 'as of a lamb' was the blood of the Eternal Covenant.

This Lamb, unblemished and spotless, was foreknown before the foundation of the world but has appeared in these last times. The Lamb is the sum of all offering because the Father and Holy Spirit have committed all things into the hand of the Son to be the full expression of Their offering. The Lamb is the offering of Their life given as the life of new creation. The Father and Holy Spirit bore witness to the grace of the Son to multiply this life by offering. No-one can counsel the Lord, because Their counsel brought forth a finished work before the foundation of the world.

References:

1 Cor 2:16 Rom 11:34
John 10:17 Phil 2:5
Rev 1:5 Heb 12:23

Further Study

1 Pet 1

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Proverbs 1

The Lamb slain

When he came to the Corinthian church, Paul preached nothing other than the testimony of God. He determined to know nothing among them except 'Jesus Christ, and Him crucified'. Paul was referring to much more than the occasion of the crucifixion as the centrepiece of human history. He was referring to the council of God before all ages, and everything that proceeds from it. When Paul ministered in Ephesus for three years, he declared to them 'the whole counsel of God'.

The offering of Jesus Christ on the cross in time, revealed the way of offering within the council of *Elohim* before all ages, before time and outside of time. Offering is like a window into the unsearchable and unfathomable way of Yahweh. It reveals the hidden wisdom of God. The way of offering is the wisdom and power of God. We must remember that the cross is His offering of Himself. It reveals the council of *Elohim*. The Lamb was slain *before* the foundation of the world in the council of *Elohim*, but has been *revealed* in these last times for our sake.

The whole testimony of God is fully revealed by Jesus Christ and by His offering. Let us consider again that He is the offering of the Father and the Holy Spirit. God the Father laid down the fullness of fatherhood life to God the Son. And He was given the Spirit without measure. As the Lamb of Yahweh, the Son then 'offered Himself without spot to God'. The offering of *Elohim* brought forth new creation in the Son. And in Him, we also have obtained an inheritance. If any man be in Christ, he is a new creation.

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1 Cor 2:2 Eph 1:11
Acts 20:27 1 Cor 1:24
1 Pet 1:20 Heb 9:14
2 Cor 5:17

Further Study

Eph 1

Daily Proverb

Proverbs 2

The volume of the book

The blood of the Lamb is the life of all offering. Remember that offering is the only way that the life of new creation is multiplied to us in fullness. The blood of the Lamb is the seal of our inclusion in the Eternal Covenant and on this covenant the Father has likewise set His seal. A seal is the witness and guarantee. The name of every son whom the Father has foreknown was written in the Lamb's book of life. We were foreknown and named; the pathway of our lives was mapped out. The works prepared for us by the Father were all written in this book. Jesus referred to this as 'the volume of the book'.

Everything pertaining to our life and the inheritance of godliness, has been set before us on the pathway of life. The purpose and will of God has been foreknown and foreordained in the Eternal Covenant. Faith to live and to fulfil the will of God has been established in the proceeding word of His covenant. It was all foreordained, foreknown, and completed in covenant *before*. It was accomplished and finished before the foundation of the world. And it is being manifested in due time for us.

The offering of the Lamb is the embodiment of the full testimony of God. He is our great High Priest and the Lamb is the offering of Himself. Because it is forever His attitude and mind to empty Himself, He is the Lamb for the house of Yahweh. The Son as a *Lamb* was foreknown and foreordained to be the offering of Yahweh. As we participate in offering, the life of new creation is multiplied to us and in us, in fullness, until overflowing.

References:

1 Pet 1:20-21 Eph 1:4
Rev 13:8 Rev 17:8
Matt 25:34 Luke 11:50
Heb 4:3

Further Study

Eph 2:10
Psa 139:16
Heb 10:7

Daily Proverb

Proverbs 3