

Harvesting Insights... from Luke 10

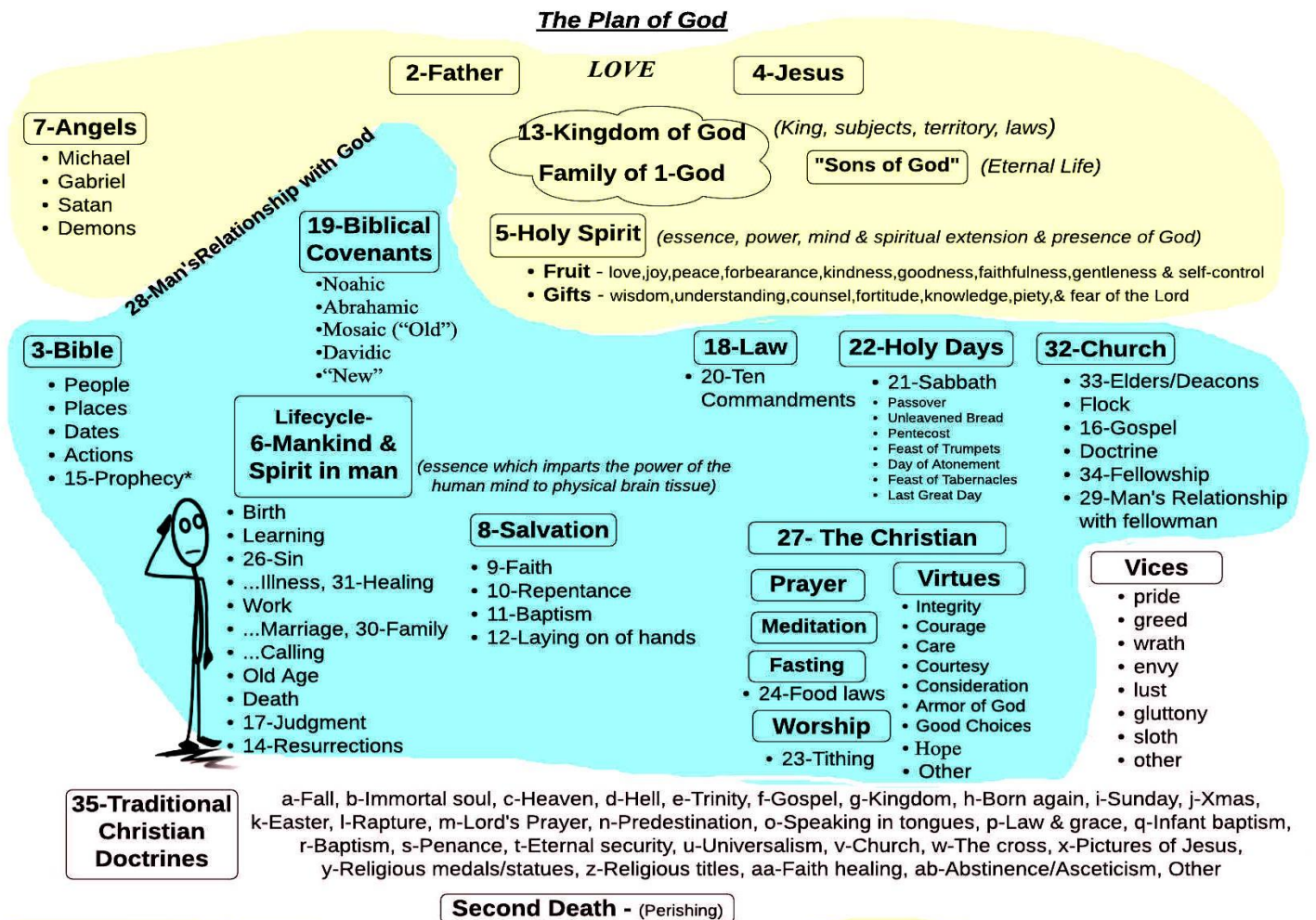
Today's message is primarily about ...

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The questions I have about this verse are significant to our understanding of God & His ways!

- **How & why** does God hide things? Is it fair for God to this?
- **What** are "these things" that are precious enough to God to hide? Should we (in the Covenant community & the Church of God) be sure *we* are aware of them?
- **What** is Jesus saying when he *rejects* the "wise & prudent" (these are *good* qualities) to promote ... being a baby?

A *fun & challenging* aspect of Bible Study is ... that we see in a verse of just "46 words" ... 3 significant questions to explore, to fully understand the verse & the insights it directs us to!



Time: (Past - History - Creation, 25-Hebrew Calendar ... Present - (World events) ... (Future - 15-Prophecy*) ... Eternity ...)

To begin, we'll look at all of Luke 10 to understand some context that surrounds the Verse (21) that we plan to explore ... (Hopefully we do not get too side tracked along the way!) ...

Jesus Sends Out the Seventy

Luk 10:1 After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go.

Luk 10:2 Then He said to them, "The harvest truly *is* great, but the laborers *are* few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.



Luk 10:3 Go your way; behold, I send you out as **lambs among wolves**.

Luk 10:4 Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road.

Luk 10:5 But whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house.'

Luk 10:6 And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you.

Luk 10:7 And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house.

Luk 10:8 Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you.

Luk 10:9 And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' *

Luk 10:10 But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say,

Luk 10:11 'The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you.

Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you.' *

***1** **What** does it mean "the Kingdom has come near you"?

& **why** is the same message given to those who are healed ... AND ... to those who do NOT receive them?

- The King is present → therefore His Kingdom is present ... His reign, authority, rulership. **Matt 12:28** - If I cast out demons... surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.
- The Kingdom Is Near Because Jesus Is There - God's authority is present, God's will is being revealed, God's power is being demonstrated
- It Signals a Moment of Decision - You must respond (repent, receive, or reject) **Mark 1:15** - The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, & believe in the gospel
- Nearness Does NOT Mean Automatic Participation - You can be close to the Kingdom but not enter it. Exposure ≠ acceptance
- "Near" is both an invitation & a warning... **Invitation** → God is accessible now ... **Warning** → Opportunity can be missed

Luk 10:12 But I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for that city.

Woe to Unrepentant Cities

Luk 10:13 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For **if** the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, **they would have repented** long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

Luk 10:14 But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you.

Luk 10:15 & you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades

Luk 10:16 He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me."

The Return of the Seventy

Luk 10:17 Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, **even the demons are subject to us** in Your name."

Luk 10:18 And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.



Luk 10:19 Behold, **I give you the authority** to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over **all the power** of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Luk 10:20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

"All the power of the enemy" includes:

- Demonic forces
- Deception
- Temptation
- Accusation
- Spiritual blindness
- Bondage to sin
- Destructive influence

A Key Point (priority)! (from Jesus)...**relationship & salvation** matter more than power

Jesus Rejoices in the Father's Will

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Luk 10:22 All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and *the one* to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*."

Luk 10:23 Then He turned to *His* disciples and said privately, "Blessed *are* the eyes which see **the things** you see;

Luk 10:24 for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you **see**, and have not seen *it*, and to **hear** what you hear, and have not heard *it*."

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Luk 10:25 And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, **what shall I do to inherit eternal life?**"

Luk 10:26 He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading *of it?*"

Luk 10:27 So he answered and said, "'YOU SHALL **LOVE** THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL

YOUR MIND,' and 'YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'"

Luk 10:28 And He said to him, "You have answered **rightly**; do this and you will live."

Luk 10:29 But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "& **who is my neighbor?**"

Luk 10:30 Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead.

Luk 10:31 Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

Luk 10:32 Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side.

Luk 10:33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion.

Luk 10:34 So he went to *him* and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

Luk 10:35 On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave *them* to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.'

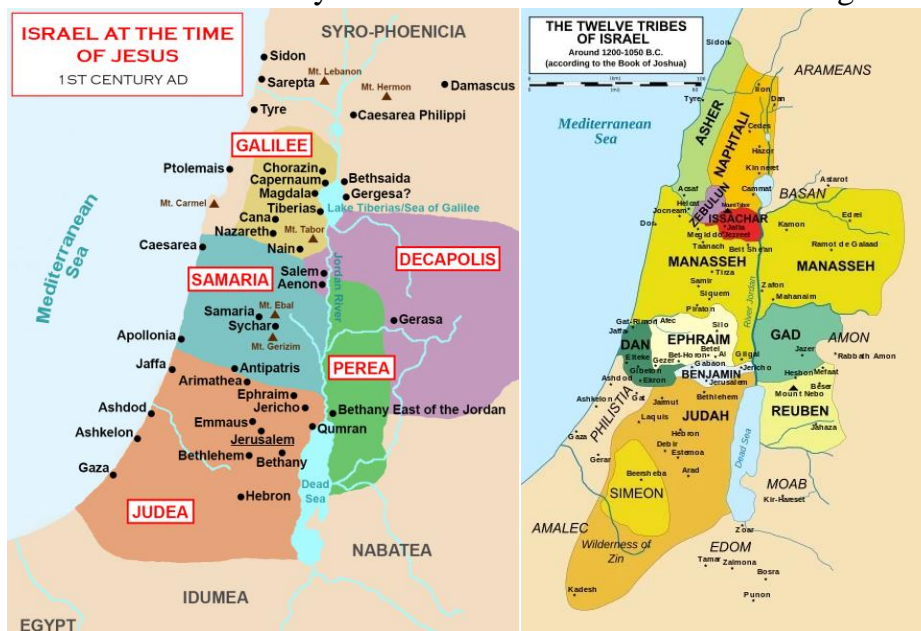
Luk 10:36 So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?"

Luk 10:37 And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Who were the Samaritans?

Answer: The Samaritans occupied the country formerly belonging to the tribe of **Ephraim** and the half-tribe of **Manasseh**. The capital of the country was Samaria, formerly a large and splendid city. When the ten tribes were carried away into captivity to Assyria (722 BC), the king of Assyria sent people from Cutha, Ava, Hamath, and Sepharvaim to inhabit Samaria (2 Kings 17:24; Ezra 4:2-11). These foreigners intermarried with the Israelite population that was still in and around Samaria. These "Samaritans" at first worshiped the idols of their own nations, but being troubled with lions, they supposed it was because they had not honored the God of that territory. A Jewish priest was therefore sent to them from Assyria to instruct them in the Jewish religion. They were instructed from the books

of Moses, but still retained many of their idolrous customs. The Samaritans embraced a religion that was a mixture of Judaism and idolatry (2 Kings 17:26-28). Because the Israelite inhabitants of Samaria had intermarried with the foreigners and adopted their idolatrous religion, **Samaritans were universally despised by the Jews.**



Martha and Mary

Luk 10:38 Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house.

Luk 10:39 And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word.

Luk 10:40 But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me."

Luk 10:41 And Jesus answered and said to her, "**Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things.**"

Luk 10:42 But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

Summary of What Troubled Martha

- **Busyness** (too much responsibility)
- **Comparison** (others not helping)
- **Control** (trying to manage everything)
- **Anxiety** (many details stressing / overloading her)
- **Misplaced priorities** (service over presence with Jesus)

Martha was troubled not because she served—but because she allowed good responsibilities to crowd out the most important relationship.

And now ... Let's discuss the verse for today's sermon!

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***hidden** = G613 = apokruptō (ap-ok-roop'-to) = to fully conceal away, to keep secret - hide

***reveal** = G601 = apokaluptō (ap-ok-al-ooop'-to) = to take off the cover, ie disclose - reveal

A) How & why does God hide things?

Is it fair for God to this?

Scripture shows it's **NOT about God refusing access arbitrarily**—it's about the condition of the heart & the posture of the mind.

1. God hides truth through “spiritual blindness” caused by pride

Those who see themselves as “wise & prudent” often rely on

human reasoning, status, or self-confidence, which can block spiritual understanding.

- **1 Corinthians 1:21** The world through wisdom did not know God...
- **Romans 1:22** Professing to be wise, they became fools...

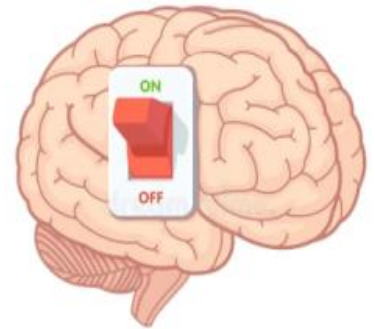
The issue isn't intelligence—it's **self-sufficiency**. Pride filters out truth.

2. God hides truth by allowing hearts to remain hardened

When people resist truth repeatedly, God permits a kind of **judicial blindness**.

- **Matthew 13:13–15** Seeing they do not see... their hearts have grown dull...
- **Isaiah 6:9–10** (quoted by Jesus)

Truth is present—but **not perceived**, because the heart is closed.



3. Truth is hidden in plain sight but requires spiritual discernment

God often reveals truth in ways that require humility & spiritual sensitivity.

- **1 Corinthians 2:14** The natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God...
- **Proverbs 3:5–7** Do not lean on your own understanding...

The “wise” may analyze—but without the Spirit, they **miss the meaning**.



4. God reveals to the humble (“babes”) instead

“Babes” doesn’t mean immature—it means **teachable, dependent, humble**.

- **Matthew 18:3–4** Unless you are converted & become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.
- **James 4:6** God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

Humility is the **key that unlocks revelation**.

5. Parables: a deliberate method of revealing and concealing

Jesus often taught in parables that **both revealed & concealed truth simultaneously**.

- **Luke 8:10** To you it has been given to know... but to the rest it is given in parables...

Those who *seek* understand more; those who don’t remain in partial blindness.

Summary ...

Truth may be hidden from me if I am:

- Trusting my own understanding (Prov 3:5–7)
- Confident in knowledge but not obedient (Rom 1:22)
- Resistant to correction (Matt 13:15)



Truth may be revealed to me if I am:

- Humble and teachable (Matt 18:3–4)
- Seeking God sincerely (Jeremiah 29:13)
- Walking in obedience (John 7:17)

B) What are “these things” that are precious enough to God to hide?

Should we (in the Covenant community & the Church of God) be sure we are aware of them?

1. The reality of the Kingdom of God

From the context of Luke 10 ... “**These things**” include the **true nature & presence of God’s Kingdom**:

- That God’s rule is actively working through Jesus
- That authority over demons proves the Kingdom is present (v.18–19)

The religious “wise” largely missed this... then & now!

Ideas about the Kingdom of God

View	Core Idea	Approx %
Future / In Heaven	Kingdom = heaven/future	40–50%
Present “Spiritual”	Kingdom = inner rule	20–30%
Already / Not Yet	Present + future	10–20%
Church = Kingdom	Institutional	10–15%
Social Kingdom	Justice & society	5–15%
Literal Millennium	1000-year reign	10–15%
Unclear	No defined view	20–40%



2. The identity & authority of Jesus

Just a verse later: “No one knows who the Son is except the Father...” (v.22)

“These things” include:

- **Who Jesus really is** (the Son of God)
- His unique relationship with the Father
- His authority over spiritual forces

This was hidden from those relying on intellect, status, or tradition.

3. How God reveals truth

The statement itself highlights *how* truth is received:

- Not through human wisdom alone
- But through **humble, childlike receptivity (“babes”)**

The “wise and prudent” = those confident in *their own* understanding

The “babes” = those open, dependent, teachable

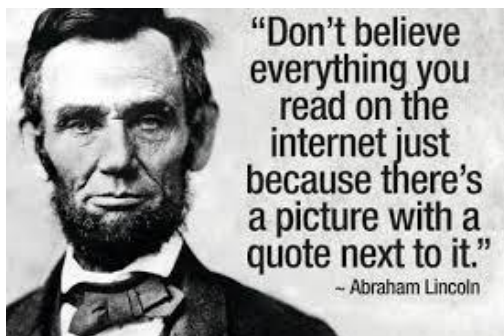
4. The privilege of spiritual sight

Jesus tells His disciples: “Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see...” (v.23)

“These things” include:

- Seeing prophecy fulfilled
- Understanding what prophets longed to see (v.24)
- Recognizing God’s work in real time

“These things” are: The **spiritual truths about Christ and the Kingdom of God** that can only be truly understood by those who are humble and receptive—not merely intelligent or religious.



C) What is Jesus saying when he *rejects* the “wise & prudent” (these are good qualities) to promote ... being a baby?

Being “wise and prudent” is not bad in itself. In **Luke 10:21** Jesus is exposing a **kind of wisdom that becomes self-reliant & resistant to God**-- Jesus is not condemning true, godly wisdom.

“...You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes...”
The issue is **not intelligence—but independence from God.**

1. Scripture actually *commends* true wisdom

The Bible consistently praises wisdom when it is rooted in God:

- **Proverbs 9:10** — “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom”
- **James 3:17** — “The wisdom that is from above is... pure, peaceable, gentle...”

So Jesus is **NOT against wisdom**—He is contrasting **two kinds of wisdom.**

2. Two kinds of “wisdom”

□ A. “Wise & Prudent” (in Luke 10:21 context)

This refers to people who are:

- Confident in their own understanding
- Religiously knowledgeable but spiritually blind
- Evaluating God rather than submitting to Him
- **Romans 1:22** — “Professing to be wise, they became fools”
- **1 Corinthians 1:20–21** — the world’s wisdom failed to know God

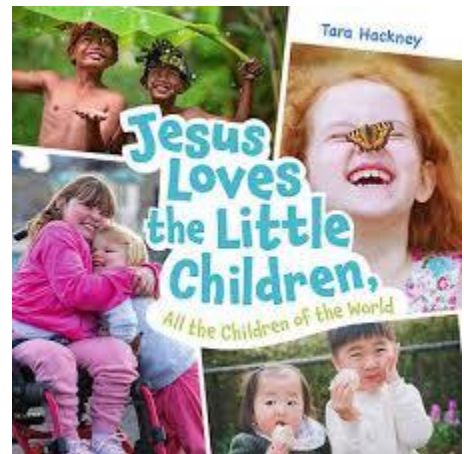
This wisdom becomes a **barrier**

□ B. “Babes” (childlike, not childish)

These are people who are:

- Humble
- Teachable
- Dependent on God
- **Matthew 18:3–4** - become like little children
- **Psalms 25:9** — God teaches the humble

This posture becomes a **channel for revelation.**



3. Why “wise & prudent” becomes a problem

a. It creates self-reliance

- **Proverbs 3:5–7** — “Do not lean on your own understanding... do not be wise in your own eyes”

When I trust my mind over God, I may stop receiving

b. It resists humbling truth

- The Pharisees knew Scripture—but rejected Jesus
- **John 5:39–40** You search the Scriptures... but you are not willing to come to Me Knowledge without surrender leads to rejection.

c. It blocks spiritual discernment

- **1 Corinthians 2:14** The natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit... Intellectual ability cannot replace spiritual receptivity.

d. It produces pride instead of dependence

- **1 Corinthians 8:1** — Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies
Pride shuts the door that humility opens.

Jesus is *not* saying: Don't be wise ...

He *is* saying: Don't let your wisdom replace your need for God

Being “wise and prudent” becomes a problem **when it makes a person unteachable.**

- The Kingdom is not hidden from intelligent people
- It is hidden from **self-sufficient people ...** And revealed to those who are:
humble, dependent, & willing to receive like a child.



What are other “hidden things” of God revealed in Scripture?

The Bible does speak about “**the hidden things of God,**” but it doesn't mean God is trying to be obscure for its own sake. Rather, Scripture shows a pattern: Some things are **concealed**, some are **revealed**, and some are **revealed only to those who seek God rightly.**

1. God's Secret Counsel (His Mind & Plans)

Deu 29:29 The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us...”

These include:

- God's full purposes and timing
- Why He allows certain events
- Details He has not chosen to disclose

Why? Not everything is meant to be known now.

2. The Mystery of Christ & the Gospel

Col 1:26–27 - The mystery which has been hidden... but now has been revealed... Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

1 Cor 2:7 We speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom...”

“Hidden things” here include:

- The full meaning of salvation
- Christ living in believers
- God's plan for Jews and Gentiles together

These were once hidden, now revealed—but only spiritually understood.

3. The Hidden Condition of the Heart

1 Cor 4:5 The Lord... will bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts.

Heb 4:13 All things are naked and open to the eyes of Him...

These “hidden things” include:

- Motives
- Intentions
- Secret sins or sincerity



Nothing is actually hidden from God—only from people.

4. The Hidden Work of God in People

Mark 4:26–27 The seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how.

Includes:

- How God changes a person internally
- Growth that happens unseen
- Spiritual transformation over time

God often works invisibly before results appear.

5. Hidden Rewards & Recognition

Matt 6:4 Your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.

Includes:

- Private obedience
- Secret prayer, fasting, giving
- Things unnoticed by others

God often values what is done **in secret more than what is seen publicly.**

6. Hidden Judgment & Future Revelation

Rom 2:16 God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ...

Includes:

- Hidden sins
- Private decisions
- Unseen moral choices

What is hidden now will not remain hidden forever.

God’s goal is NOT to keep things hidden forever.
He reveals **in order to cleanse, correct, and transform.** Our response determines the outcome

Hidden vs Revealed is not just about information—it’s about **relationship with God:**
The more a person walks in humility, honesty, and obedience,
the more God moves things from **hidden** → **revealed** → **transformed.**

Jesus’ teaching about the Kingdom shows a critical distinction:

Nearness is about opportunity -- Entry is about response

Many people in the Gospels ... Saw miracles ... Heard teaching ... Were physically close
...but did not enter ... We “firstfruits” understand God’s Holy Day Plan for all!