

## MYSTERY REVEALED

A mystery is something that cannot be understood except by divine revelation or explanation. They are the hidden truth about Jehovah's purposes which were not made known until His due time particularly in this age of the last days.

The Bible shows clearly that God Almighty has secrets (Deut. 29:29). He stated through the Prophet Amos that "surely the Lord God will do nothing but He revealeth his secrets unto His servants" Amos 3:7. This shows that it is only to His chosen servants who were the types of our Lord Jesus Christ, the saints or apostles that God Almighty reveals His secrets to.

For instance, in the days of Nebuchadnezzar he had a dream which none of his wise men could interpret but when Daniel prayed to God for the vision to be made known to him his prayer was answered. As a result of which he declared "Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his. He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him" (Daniel 2:20,22). He further stated "there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets ...." (Daniel 2:28). Daniel the Prophet went on to tell the king his dream which had to do with the kingdoms of the world starting from that of Babylon (Daniel 2:25-45).

In Daniel 12:8,9 we have a record that Daniel could not understand what he was writing and that he sought from the angel the meaning of the writings as it is written "And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, o my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? And he said, go thy way Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end." This shows that it is at the time of the end that the meaning of the vision given to Daniel will be made known.

In the days of our Lord Jesus Christ, he made known to people at the time particularly his disciples the explanations about God and His purpose of creation

and His Kingdom which had been hidden all through the ages. Evidently, God Almighty makes progressive revelations of His purposes. Thus, at the time the disciples came to Jesus Christ for him to explain the meaning of the parable of the sower to them he said "Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given" Matthew 13:11 he added "But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears for they hear. For verily I say unto you, for many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see and have not seen them, and to hear those things which ye hear and had not heard them" Mathew 13:16,17. As our Lord Jesus Christ expanded the word of God to the people the apostles recalled that this was a fulfillment of the prophecy in Psalm 78:2. As it is written "that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Prophet, sayings, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world" Matthew 13:35. He himself declared, "... " Matthew 11:25-27.

### **The Anointing Spirit**

When he finished his work on earth our Lord Jesus Christ promised the apostles his Holy Spirit to enable them understand the scriptures and expound same to the people. In John 14:26 it is stated "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said to you" See also John 16:13,14; 15:26,27; Acts 1:8 This fulfilled on the day of Pentecost when they received the anointing Acts 2:1-10. By virtue of their anointing the apostles were taught by God in spirit and not by any man. In 1 John 2:27 Apostle John states "But the anointing which ye receive of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him".

Apostle John while in the Island of Pathmos, was privileged by God to see a vision that depicts true picture language the anointing which the saints received. He,

Apostle John was told to eat the book given him by the angel; “And the voice which I heard from heaven speak unto me again and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth. And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. And I took the little book out of the angel’s hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter”. Revelation 10:8-10) The vision seen by apostles John parallels the account in Ezekiel 3:1-3 where the prophet was asked to eat the scroll after eating it he said it was sweet as honey. The eating of the scroll symbolize endowment of those of the apostles class with the Holy Spirit by virtue of which they empowered to understand the scriptures and to dispense the truth with boldness, vigor and clarity to the people.

St. Paul in his letter to the Christians at Ephesus stated that God has made known to them (the apostles) the mystery of his will “According to his good pleasure which he had purpose in himself” Ephesians 1:9. He spoke further in chapter 3 of the grace given to him to expound the truth to the gentiles. He wrote “for this course I Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, if ye have had of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: how that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) Which in other ages was not made know unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; That the Gentiles should be fellow-heirs, and of the same joy and partakers of his promise in Christ by his promise in Christ by the gospel: Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual, working of his power. Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; **And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:**” Ephesians 3:5-9

Apostle Peter himself acknowledged the depth of knowledge given to St. Paul in 2 Peter 3:15,16. It could be understood therefore why St. Paul urged the Christians at Ephesus to pray for him to have utterance “to make known the mystery of the gospel”.

Each and every one of the apostles numbering 144,000 has the exceptional privilege of being taught by God himself through Jesus Christ. In Revelation 14:1-5 the accounts states that each of the 144,000 chosen and anointed Christians had the “Father’s name written in their foreheads”. This means that they have the accurate knowledge of God, the forehead being the seat of intelligence. Apostle John also said he heard the sound of harps – a musical instrument which in those days had ten strings symbolizing the ten fundamental doctrines of the Holy Bible. See Psalm 49:4. They are also said to be singing a new song. “And no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth”. The “new song” is the truth preached by the apostles. It will be so different from what those who claim to be religious leaders have been preaching and it will contain explanations of mysteries which were not known to the people but will sound new. That is why in the book of Isaiah this dispensation of the truth in the last day is called the “strange work of God”. Isaiah 28:21.

The ten fundamental doctrines are Creation, Justice Manifested, Abrahamic Promise, the birth of Christ, Ransom Sacrifice, Resurrection, Mystery Revealed, our Lord’s return, Glorification of the Church and Restoration.