



The Secret Place Belongs To The Father.

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Jesus said that the Father is in secret and sees in secret (Matthew 6). Despite what we are trained to think, it is not the devils place but God's. James said by the Spirit not to give place to the devil (James 4:7). Since the concept of secrecy is associated with wrong things we might shy away from it for lack of understanding (Hosea 4:6).

When the Lord is in that secret place, **his Glory will flow from our lives.** On the other hand, when the devil is in the secret place, **corruption and sin will flourish.**

Since the nature of man is corrupt and fallen without God's grace, we can not leave it unchecked. So we remedy corruption with openness and accountability. This is good as long as the Spirit of God gets to lead, and not the natural opinions of man. However, God's best is found when He gets to lead us individually and collectively by His divine order and Spirit through our secret fellowship with him (Rom. 8:14).

This is what is needed more than ever today in the body of Christ. Leaders that can say like Paul the apostle; follow me as I follow Christ (1 Cor. 11:1).

This is leadership by real example, not by a false and unreal TV image. Jesus was talking about the importance of secret giving, secret prayer, and secret fasting, in the book of Matthew chapter 6, and he said that if we would do that we would be rewarded by the Father openly.

Jesus who is the example to be followed, showed that he had this secret life of prayer, fasting, and giving on different occasions in scripture. The Lord told me, **that if we don't have a secret place for the Father in our lives, we will have a secret place for the devil.**

Very little Word, and a lack of prayer and fasting, with much yielding to the flesh, will cause anyone to stumble and fall, even an anointed minister, as we have seen in recent days.* See prophetic words for 2010.

Samson had a secret covenant with God in his life, and that was the source of a mighty anointing. When he gave up the secret of the covenant to Delilah he also lost the anointing and his prophetic vision. (Judges 16:16)

Moses felt the call of God and thought that he could deliver God's people out of bondage in his own strength and failed. He had to flee for his life and later was prepared by God in the secret place of the desert for 40 years, until he was ready. **When he felt unable to do God's work in his own strength, God said that he was ready.** (Exodus 3:11-12)

Joseph had dreams and revelations from the Lord that he told his brethren who were stirred with jealousy and sold him into slavery. But the Lord was preparing Joseph in secret to save God's people and the nations of the earth from starvation. God gave Pharaoh a dream that no one of Pharaoh's advisers could interpret.

However, God prepared Joseph in secret, so he was able, by the prophetic Spirit of God, to interpret the meaning of the dream that the Pharaoh had. So, God used Joseph to save the nations from starvation and death, through prophetic revelation. (Genesis 41:57) **Still today, God wants to help the nations, and does, and not only individuals!** (Hebrews 13:8) **This prophetic gift from God is still available, and much needed today. Yielding to it would help the church to become more relevant in today's society, but it is born out of a secret intimate fellowship with the Father!**

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