

"The Hidden & Seek" The God Who Hides

Job 34:29

Isaiah 45:15 - Mat 6:6

For it is not a question of if but why?

- Hebrew word Chatar, used 37 times in o.t. Means - To Hide by covering up to be absent, To conceal, while still keeping close. **V. 15** tells us that God hides himself occasionally from his children. The God of Israel, our Yeshua uses occasional hiding for our benefit, because he loves us. (Rom 8:28) His hiding is for our good. King David also experienced this phenomenon in Psalm 88:14. Psalm 44:24. God continually hides ~~continually~~ from the unsaved. He never reveals his face to them. Isaiah 1:15, Ezekiel 39:23-24. Certain nations and individuals never see his face. Why does the Lord even ^{Isaiah} withdraw himself from his children? (N.T. examples John 7:4-10, John 6:15, ^{John 2:36})

1) To test us - regarding our hunger for a real relationship. Is it something we take for granted, or is it something we can't live without? **John 6:68**. His seasonal withdrawal, brings us to our spiritual senses, as we proclaim "Lord where can I go to receive the words of life. Only you. To prove us & to manifest our own lukewarmness." To train us - to follow and seek him. If we were in ^{the} continual presence of God, we would never learn the necessary steps of humility and meekness, necessary to gain his attention - God resists the proud. But gives grace to the humble.

2) ~~to test us~~ James 3:8. Draw nigh. There is no need to draw nigh if he is not somewhat removed. Drawing nigh is a vital process that God must teach us, if we are to obtain any significant results in our walk with God. Seeking results in **finding** Matt 7:7. He trains us to seek, ask and knock. Total dependence is the lesson God wants us to learn. God must hide occasionally to give us the opportunity, ~~to draw near~~ to diligently seek him. Rewards come to those who don't complain about periods of distance from God, but to those who seize the moment to obtain otherwise unobtainable rewards. (Growth) **Jeremiah 29:13**.

3) To transform us - Rom 12:2 - to receive his thoughts, his words, his understanding. Lord accelerates and energizes, the transforming process thru temporary withdrawal. Junk out word in. Junk out light in. Opinions out truth in. Transformation takes place through the will of God. The will of God will be revealed by ~~the~~ personal revelation from God, following a season of withdrawal.

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~~That's all~~

4/ Te. Discipline - Deut 31:17, 218 & 32:20, Job 23:1-9, Matt 23:39.

5.) To teach us how to Stand on The Rock - The place to view, see, understand & be with Yahshua. Mybach (Yahshua). Deut. 33:18.

* Clax - All seasons of temporary withdrawal, end with renewal, refreshing, more intimacy & a heavenly embrace! Isa 8:28!