

Refrigerator Notes 12 July 2015
The Mystery of God's Will?
Ephesians 1:3-14 & Job 38:1-38
Part I

1. For the mysteries of God are spiritual truths, known only through revelations, for which God has given to some
2. Paul having ascended to the third heavens received such a revelation from God and the apostle John who wrote the book of Revelations knew something about God's mysteries
3. But all of God's mysteries are not shared with man
4. If we knew all that God had in store for us, would we Trust God more and be better Faithful servants?
5. We started our sermon by trying to define a mystery – but we know as intellectual people our knowledge is not like God's – see Job 38
6. The intellectual mind looks for answers in the seen realm, but God's answers that we seek are in the unseen realm
7. 1 Cor. 2:7-10 declares that God's wisdom is hidden from man and if we had understood it, they would not have crucified our Lord
8. God's mysteries are revealed to those who have a heart to hear what the Spirit of God has revealed to man – yet we want know unless we read God's word, understand the word of God and live God's word, we become dull axes
9. Paul in our text mentioned some of the mysteries that God revealed to him Mystery of God's Will, Faith, the Gospel, the Church, the Kingdom, and Lawlessness to mention a few
10. Ephesians 1:9-10 please read (many people have the idea that if they knew the plans God had for them they could go through life effortlessly)
11. Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails – God orders our steps
12. Mystery of Faith – 1 Tim. 3:9 (faith becomes a mystery because it is in the unseen realm) Our faith must be rooted in our Lord Jesus
13. Mystery of the Gospel – read Eph. 6:19-20 (the gospel is the good news rooted in the Word of God) Paul was attempting to make the word of God known to the churches as we should be doing as ambassadors of God
14. Mystery of the Church (imagery and symbolism) – Eph. 5:24-32, hinges on those who have trusted Jesus Christ as their 'Personal Savior' and that can only happen if we have a divine relationship with our Lord
15. God's Will according to Chuck Swindoll "If I do this, the struggles will end, the questions are over, the answers come, and I live happily ever after," it's a fairy-tale. The journey of life that we are on is a mystery itself marked by unpredictable outcomes (but all things work best for those who love the Lord)
16. If you want to understand the mysteries of God, then you must surrender All to Him!