

Refrigerator Notes 19 July 2015
'The Mysteries of God Part II'
Ephesians 1:1-14 and Job 38

1. Last Sunday, I addressed the following Mysteries of God: Faith, the Gospel, and the Church
2. This Sunday we continue to address some other mysteries of God
3. The Mystery of Christ: We are imitators of our Lord and Savior, yet when we often speak to others our actions only confirm that we are Perpetrators of Christ. I suggested that we all follow the advice given in Colossians 4:3-4
4. We may recognize that Jesus is the Christ, yet like the Jews whom we were with Christ failed to realize that Jesus was a part of us as we are called to administer to others
5. The Mystery of God is Finished: summation can be found in Colossians 1:25-27. Which is Christ is in us and yet many of us do not recognize His presence in us. It is the truth of spiritual fulfillment according to Paul that was hidden from man but is alive and with us
6. The Mystery of God's Kingdom: God's kingdom is present in us and it is available to all mankind, but we will never see it because we are using the natural lenses of our eyes as opposed to the Spiritual realm of unseen things
7. As long as we look for the deliverer, Christ, in the natural realm, we miss seeing our true Messiah when He appears again
8. Although Jesus plainly taught that the kingdom of God cannot be seen, Christians today are still looking for a physical Jesus to come from the sky on a cloud, but like the Jews of ancient, we will not recognize the Messiah return
9. The Kingdom of God is in us yet we are still searching for the Kingdom to come!
10. The Mystery of Iniquity (Lawlessness): We spent much of our devotion on this mystery because God has created mankind for His Good and caretakers of the earth
11. The lawlessness one is the devil who is still not to be busy to raise hell
12. God created man first for us to be obedient and secondly, to praise His Holy Name
13. Although we Christians today are not under the Law of Moses, we have forgotten God's Ten Commandments (most people can only remember less than five), yet these were God's moral commandments, although we under God's grace, the moral commandments still apply today
14. The devil will take what is good and paint it evil and make His evil look good which many Christians have a hard time with discernment because we don't pray about what is in the unseen realm of life
15. Few will draw the right conclusions from scriptures — that there is a Will of God which He will bring the past to be perfect
16. There is a Will of God which belongs fully to Him, which no person can bring about any consequences, any event, and any circumstances that would change God's eternal purpose
17. We are not talking about the Will of God which God Himself will do, but we are talking about the Will of God expressed towards mankind, which we will do or not do?
18. The biblical idea of mystery, reminds Christians that God holds the course of human events in His hands and has shaped them for His purpose and our salvation
19. Bottom line, we need to be more obedient to God's Word instead of questioning God's actions and doing what we think God would have us to do — WRONG!