

A CLOAKED-SCRIPTURE STUDY

THE CLOAK

577 Scriptures Hidden Until Understanding Came

Sample • Chapter One

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The Glory of Concealment

"It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter." (Proverbs 25:2, NKJV)

I spent years reading the Bible as if every door were already standing open. I treated a verse I could not feel as a verse that had failed me. The day that changed, one line rearranged everything. **The cloak, I came to see, was God keeping a thing safe until I had grown enough to carry it.** Concealment turned out to be a form of mercy.

Solomon says it without apology. "It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter" (Proverbs 25:2, NKJV). Read that twice. **Hiding and searching sit together in this verse as two halves of one design.** God receives glory by covering a thing. Kings, the verse says, receive glory by digging for it. The same truth that stays sealed to a lazy heart gets handed to a hungry one.

WHY IT FELT LOCKED

For a long stretch the locked feeling made me doubt my own reading. I assumed the problem was my intelligence. **The real problem was my timing, and timing carries no shame.** A matter can be true, written, and underlined in my Bible, and still wait for the season when I am able to receive it. Daniel lived inside that delay. He was told to seal the words until the appointed time, and he still confessed that God **"reveals deep and secret things"** (Daniel 2:22, NKJV). The deep things were always present. The opening ran on a schedule.

Job describes the same mechanism from the far side of suffering. God **"uncovers deep things out of darkness, and brings the shadow of death to light"** (Job 12:22, NKJV). The material that once frightened me turned