

The Deep Things of God

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(1 Cor 2:10) But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

(Psa 92:5) O LORD, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep.

Not superficial or obvious; hidden; secret.

Roots go deep.

A good well is deep.

The ocean is deep.

Deep poverty.

Deep wound.

Deep water.

Deep is an adjective that describes something that arrests our mind and feelings and awes us.

- I. Deep is in contrast to shallow.
 - A. Most people are shallow.
 - 1. Shallow in understanding.
 - 2. Shallow in knowledge.
 - 3. Shallow in relationships.
 - 4. Shallow in their concern for and view of other people.
 - B. Most people are shallow in their religion also.
 - 1. They only have what is lying around on the surface that anyone can pick up.
 - C. Nothing of much value is found in the shallows.
 - D. All you will ever have from the shallows is the same junk and dregs that all the other lazy people have who won't dig.

- II. Deep means profound.

Intellectually deep; that enters deeply into subjects; not superficial or obvious to the mind; as a profound investigation;

- A. To find real treasure you have to dig – and dig deep.
- B. To know another person you have to look deeper than the surface that everyone else sees.
- C. To know God you have to know more about Him than what is common knowledge to everyone.
 - 1. God knows everything and sees everything.
 - 2. God created all things.
 - 3. God loves you.
 - 4. Jesus died on a cross for our sins.
 - 5. God is in heaven.

- III. The deep things of God are revealed by his Spirit.

- A. The Spirit searcheth ...

(John 16:13) Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.

1. The Spirit in us leads us to search.
 2. He directs us as we search with an honest heart.
 3. He directs us as we search with a true motive – to know God, not to boast in the abundance of revelation.
- B. The searching is an intimate search – not superficial.

(Psa 139:1) To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me.

- C. It is a search in order to know God – not to know about Him.

IV. What are the deep things of God?

- A. There is a lot more to know about God than just the simple, obvious things that everyone else knows.
- B. No one has ever found out all there is to know about God.
- C. There have been people who knew far more about God than others.
- D. There are people living now who know more about God than others.
- E. It isn't necessarily the people who are in positions of leadership that know more about God – it is the people who are truly led by the Spirit of God.
- F. The deep things of God include:
1. His thoughts towards you and I and other people.
 2. His plans and purposes for our lives and the lives of others.
 3. His heart and his feelings – his pains and his joys.
 4. His power and strength.
 5. His knowledge and wisdom.
- G. You know God in much the same way as you know other people.
1. Since most people are so shallow in their relationships they may live around someone a lifetime and never know the depths of that person and their soul.
 - a) There may be all kinds of things about that person they do not know – and therefore they don't really know them and who they are.
 2. Those who look at others as “trees walking” will not know God intimately either.
 3. Most are so wrapped up in thinking about themselves that they never take time to look deeply into others and so they never dig deep for God either.
- H. Cultivate a habit of looking deep – digging deep.
1. Get out of the shallows and learn what it is to possess treasures unknown to most people.
 2. In your earthly relationships with others.
 3. But especially in your relationship with God.
 4. They go together – you can't be shallow in one and deep in the other, or deep in one and shallow in the other.