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The Secret Hidden Wisdom



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> Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts:
> and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.
> (Psalm 51:6 kjv)

The introductory word *behold* indicates a sudden awareness of truth never previously perceived. What is it that God really looks for in our lives? First and foremost, it is not the external practices of religion that earn us a reputation for piety with our fellow men. God looks much deeper than that. He looks right down into the innermost depths of our hearts. "The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7).

God desires "truth in the inward parts." That is the very opposite of religious externalism. Our fellow human beings may perhaps be impressed or deceived by this, but not God! He looks below all that; He looks for inner honesty and sincerity. It is here that each of us needs to examine himself: Am I truly open with God? Am I transparent in my relationship with Him? Do the words I speak really express what I feel in my heart?

When we come to this state of inner transparency before God, we enter the second phase of the truth that David apprehended: "In the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom." There is a "hidden wisdom of God," designed for the "hidden part" of man, which can be received only by those whose hearts are totally and unreservedly open to God.

Paul tells us that the ability to receive this wisdom is the mark of true spiritual maturity: "Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom . . . a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glorification" (1 Corinthians 2:6–7 rsv).

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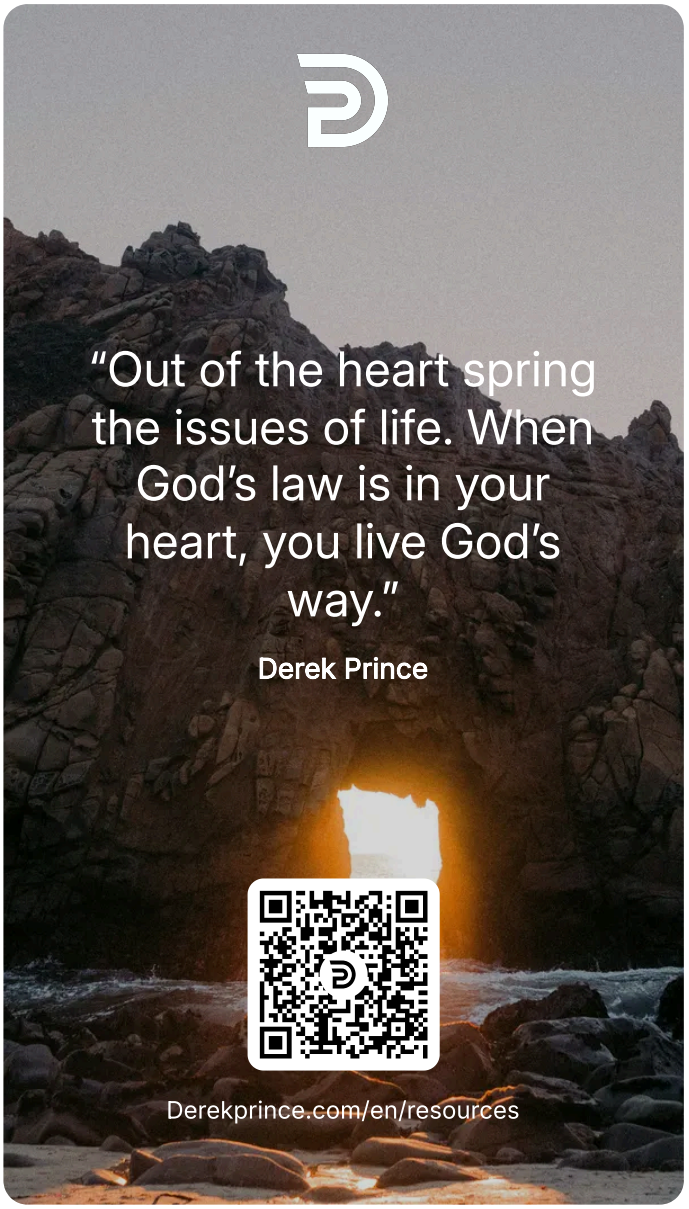

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