



Matthew 11:25-27

God Reveals Himself to Those Whom He Chooses

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God Hides and Reveals

Matthew 11:25-26 (NASB95)

At that time Jesus said, "I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that **You have hidden these things** from the wise and intelligent and **have revealed** them to infants. **26** Yes, Father, for this way was well-pleasing in Your sight."

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Jesus Hides and Reveals!

Matthew 11:27

All things have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, **and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.**

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Applications

1. We must know that salvation is not dependent upon people choosing God, but God choosing people.
2. We should know that God's hiding and revealing of salvation don't involve His same effort.
3. Salvation is only of God and therefore He gets all the glory.

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God Chooses Some by His Good Pleasure

John 1:11-13 (NASB95)

He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. **12** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name, **13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.**

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God Chooses Some by His Good Pleasure

Romans 9:11 (NASB95)

...for though *the twins* were not yet born **and had not done anything good or bad, so that** God's purpose according to *His* choice would stand, not because of works **but because of Him who calls...**

Romans 9:16 (NASB95)

So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy.

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God's Hiding and Revealing

God's hiding: Hands off

God's revealing: Hands on

Romans 1:24–25 (NASB95)

Therefore **God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity**, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. 25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

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God's Hiding and Revealing

Matthew 13:11 (NASB95)

Jesus answered them, "**To you it has been granted to know** the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, **but to them it has not been granted.**"

John 3:5 (NASB95)

Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born of water and the Spirit** he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

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God Gets the Glory!

2 Thessalonians 2:13 (NASB95)

But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, **because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation** through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.

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God Gets the Glory!

Ephesians 1:3–6 (NASB95)

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, **4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world**, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love **5** He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, **6 to the praise of the glory of His grace**, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

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