

Secrets from the Foundation of the World (Matt. 13:34-35) 3/22/2015

Context Review

Parables either reveal or conceal the _____ of God. They reveal to _____; they conceal from _____.

The purpose of the parables is rooted in the _____ of God in salvation.

Vv. 34-35 weren't spoken to the disciples or multitudes, but were written for _____.

Flow of Thought in Ch. 13

Notes on the flow of thought in [Matt. 13](#):

Vv. 34-35 are like a _____ check for the reader to be reminded of the point of all these _____.

From this point on, only the _____ would get plain teaching and _____ of truths about the kingdom.

Jesus' veiling the truth from unbelievers this way was both an act of judgment and an act of _____. It was a judgment because it kept them in the _____ they loved. It was _____ because any more exposure to truth would only increase their _____.

Fulfilling Prophecy

The Old Testament quote in v. 35 comes from [Psalm 78:2](#), which is a psalm attributed to _____.

Notes on [Psalm 78:1-4](#):

I will utter =

dark sayings =

from of old =

To Jesus, "from of old" refers all the way back to the secrets that He and the Father and Spirit decided upon before the _____ of the world! These parables/hidden things/secrets that Jesus is speaking were truths that were already _____ and _____ before time began.

A. W. Pink: "The decrees of God relate to all future things without exception: whatever is done in time was foreordained before time began."

The _____ is not an afterthought or reaction to some event; it was the plan of God all along!

[Psalm 25:14](#) – The secret of the LORD is for those who fear Him, and He will make them know His covenant.

Other passages that include the phrase [before the foundation of the world](#):

[Matthew 25:31-34](#)

[John 17:20-26](#)

[2 Thessalonians 2:13-14](#)

[1 Peter 1:20-21](#)

Since the decrees of God existed before time began, these things were in no way influenced by _____, sin, or _____.

To deny the Divine _____ would be to base our world—and the history of the _____—on luck, chance, or fate.

How thankful we should be that everything was determined by infinite _____ and _____ before the foundation of the world!