

**"THE MYSTERY OF GOD"****Illustration**

1. God is the supreme mystery
2. "Clouds" refer to this here. Clouds often used to represent God (pillar of cloud / transfiguration).
3. But God is always just and right (TEXT).  
**OBSERVE**: These two ideas go together here: God is profound mystery, yet always just.

1. **THERE ARE THINGS ABOUT GOD THAT ARE FAR BEYOND OUR CAPACITY TO UNDERSTAND**

- (i) God's omnipresence: Psalm 139
- (ii) God's holiness: Isaiah 6
- (iii) God's sovereignty: Romans 11:33-36
- (iv) God's electing love: Matthew 11: 25-26
- (v) God's providence in the life of his people:  
e.g. Joseph, David, Paul.  
**APPLICATION**: Do not speak too familiarly about God but always have awe and fear.

2. **WONDERFUL MYSTERIES ABOUND IN GOD**

- (i) He is unique – beyond compare  
**ILLUSTRATION**: men are alike in many ways.
- (ii) God is different from all creatures: Isaiah 40:25
- (iii) One essence – three Persons – no body
- (iv) Dwelling in eternity, not time
- (v) Near, yet far off.  
**APPLICATION**: We need to remember this deep truth about God: What a God!

3. **LESSONS FOR OUR COMFORT**

- (i) God works invisibly to us:  
Cp. a weaver at the loom
- (ii) More is happening than we see:  
**ILLUSTRATION**: Hannah's sighs and prayer
- (iii) We must live by faith in what the Bible says, not by sight.
- (iv) God's eye is always on those who seek him and love him to do them good in the end.
- (v) God is answering our prayers in the very best way
- (vi) God has a 'set time' for all his works and we are to wait with patience for him to work.
- (vii) We must be content not to know in this life why God does some things to his people which seem hard to explain.

**CONCLUSION**

"Behind a frowning providence  
He hides a smiling face."  
Let us believe and obey.

**PSALM**

**139: 1 – 6**

**139: 7 – 12**

**97: 8 - 10**