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Chapter 8: God's Surprising Sovereignty

~ Tell of a time that you were "in the fog".

Understanding God's Timing in Our Day Pages 125-126

~ Explain the "transcendence of God".

~ How is God's time different from our time?

"Our problem is that we are looking at life through the wrong end of the telescope. We are finite creatures, so when it comes to the panorama of God's all-seeing mind and god's transcendent perspective, we are left in a fog."

"How do we live in the fog without _____?"

"We do it by discovering how God _____, by having

_____ in Him."

Discovering God's Working in Esther's Day Pages 127-134

"Yet, even in such periods of silence, God is at work. If you don't know this,

and if you don't _____ this,

and if you don't _____ this when He stay silent,

you will _____,



you will _____,

you will be _____,

_____,

and brimming with _____.”

“If you want to discover how God works, not only in Esther’s day but in our day, keep these two things in mind.”

1) Life is filled with _____ periods of _____.
Often.

“His surprising sovereignty often takes time to unfold.”

~ Tell of a time that you were in a time of silence from God.

2) The turning points in life, the _____ events, are often
_____.

“A _____ heart is required to detect those changes.”

“Reading life’s _____ is what Christian _____
is all about.”

~ We need to learn to recognize God in everything.

~ What were (are) the subtleties that you saw during God’s “silence”?

“In His time, and only in His time, He begins to move in subtle ways until, suddenly, as His surprising sovereignty unfolds, a change occurs. Don’t fight it. It’s God’s way of lifting the fog, which always happens when He pleases!”



Questions to Ponder

"Are you as sensitive as Esther?"

"Do you know when to listen?"

"Do you know when to speak up - and when to keep quiet?"

"Do you know how much to say as well as when to say it?"

"Do you have the wisdom to hold back until the right moment?"

"Are you sufficiently in tune with God to read His subtle signals?"



"And when God is ready to move, He moves. And when He does, hang on. You're in for the ride of your life."

Being Sensitive to God's Interventions Every Day Pages 134-136

Lifesavers for the Fog

1) The fog on your lake is neither _____ nor

_____.

"I urge you to listen with great sensitivity, because His message will come in various ways."



"God wants to reveal His will to you and to teach you while you are waiting."

- * Get into His _____

- * Get on your _____

- * Accept counsel from those who are maturing and _____
believers, solidly biblical in their _____ and in their own life.

- * WAIT!

"There are tangible things to connect with."

- * Passages of _____ that bring comfort and insight

- * Messages that _____ and enliven

- * Certain _____ you respect

"Don't talk too much! Believers who are maturing not only respect God's silence,
they model it as well."

2) The _____ of God are not related to our
_____; they are related to our _____.

3) The _____ in store are not merely ironic or
_____, they are sovereignly _____.

