

**WHAT CAUSES GOD
SOMETIMES TO HIDE
HIMSELF**

**“Truly, you are a God who hides
Himself, O God of Israel, the
Savior.”**

ISAIAH 45:15 (ESV)

This rather unusual conduct on the part of God, which forms a part of the mystery of his ways, must have some sufficient reasons.

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1. Sacred assemblies are violated

LEVITICUS 23:1-2; DEUTERONOMY 31:14-18; PSALM 44:24; ISAIAH 1:15-20

Two main reasons why God instituted sacred assemblies:

- Celebrate our common history and our common experience.
- Commemorate our God in history, in the present, and in the future.

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When our sacred assemblies are properly observed faith, hope, and love spring in our hearts.

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2. Saints walk in unbelief

MATTHEW 13:55-58

- To believe is choosing to agree with God.
- Our unbelief can cause us to miss out on the very things God has planned for us.

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Here are some of the reasons:

- Demonic influences. **2CORINTHIANS 4:4-6**
- Divine delays. **2PETER 3:1-4**
- Dead ends. **JUGES 6:11-13**
- Dread. **MATTHEW 14:28-31**
- Dichotomies.

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The mystery of Jesus being fully man and fully God. The so called contradiction between science, which is in fact people's opinion, and religion.

JOHN 1:11; MATTHEW 13:57

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Familiarity breeds contempt

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3. Soul-Searching so that one can find out more about oneself

MARK 1:35-36; JOHN 2:23-25; JOHN 6:25-27

We can all use the same language for different reasons. In every generation people seek Jesus for different reasons with different intentions. Many times God hides Himself so that we may find ourselves.

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**The big question is not where is He? But
should rather be;” Where am I?”**

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- Wise men. MATTHEW 2:1-2
- Herod. MATTHEW 2:3, 7-8
- Hungry crowds. JOHN 6:25-27
- Sceptics. 2PETER 3:1-4
- Mary. JOHN 20:1-2, 10-18

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4. Seeking Souls may find Him.

PSALM 105:4; ISAIAH 55:6-7; JOHN 6:66-68; JOHN 20:1-2, 10-18

Seeking souls move from general interest to genuine love for God based on an unshakable trust in God. Seeking souls are not motivated by simple curiosity or judgmental spirit but by worship.

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**They have faith in Him and love for Him
which leads them to worship Him.**