

Sermon Title: Summer Series 24: Open Secret

Scripture: Job 42:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:12; Matthew 5:8

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- 1. Have you ever responded to something you didn't fully understand? Have you ever found that what you thought you knew was not actually true? Would you mind sharing the experience?
- 2. Three months ago (14 weeks total), we began the Summer Series 2024. Are there attributes of God that you have come to understand in a new way? Which week/topic has been most impactful to you?
- 3. A.W. Tozer says, "To know God is at once the easiest and the most difficult thing in the world." How has this been true for you?
- 4. The entire book of Job is a discussion about the attributes of God and why God does what He does. Have you read the book of Job? Which portions stick out to you?
- 5. At the conclusion of the book of Job, Job says to God, "Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know" (Job 42:3). Have you ever responded to God in prayer this way? Were there times when you did not understand what God was doing in the moment, but were able to see more fully by the end?
- 6. Job continues by saying, "My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you" (Job 42:5, NIV). Are there times when you have experienced the attributes of God rather than hearing about them or someone else's experience? When has this occurred?
- 7. Another translation puts the same verse in this way, "I admit I once lived by rumors of you; now I have it all firsthand—from my own eyes and ears!" (Job 42:5, MSG). One vulnerability within the modern Christian experience is living on what others say about God rather than how we know God ourselves. Is this an area you need to grow in or one you are already growing in?
- 8. Matthew 5:8 says, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." A.W. Tozer expands further. "God is a Person and can be known in increasing degrees of intimate acquaintance as we prepare our hearts for the wonder." How would you like to grow in the knowledge of God (the knowledge of the holy)?
- 9. Next week we begin a series on the book of Daniel. What questions do you have? What are you looking forward to?