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2 Corinthians 3:7-18

Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory?

2 Corinthians 3:7-18

For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory.

Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

2 Corinthians 3:7-18

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end.

2 Corinthians 3:7-18

But their minds were hardened, for to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts, but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.

2 Corinthians 3:7-18

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.

For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.”

**“The new is in the old concealed; the old
is in the new revealed.”**

St Augustine

Exodus 34 vs 5-8

"The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

Drawing out the meaning...

- **Repairing what is broken**
- **Preparation for revelation**
- **Reflecting God's glory**

Comparisons...

Ministry of death

vs

Ministry of the Spirit

Condemnation

vs

Righteousness

Temporary

vs

Permanent

Veil covering

vs

Veil removed

The 10 Commandments, carved into two stone tablets, were given in such a glorious way to Moses that his face shone and he needed to wear a veil because the people couldn't look at him, and yet this law was temporary, and results in condemnation, which brings death.

The permanent law of love, however, was given to mankind in an exceedingly more glorious manner, carved in the flesh of Jesus Christ, but in this case there is rather an un-veiling, a full revelation of the freedom that the Lord gives us in his presence, which results in our transformation to Christ-likeness, which brings life.

Drawing out the meaning...

LIBERATION

for **TRANSFORMATION**

for **REFLECTION** as image-bearers

Philippians 3:12

“Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own”

Philippians 1:6

“And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”

Romans 8 verses 14, 19

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God”

“the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.”

Romans 8 verses 29-30

“those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.”

2 Corinthians 3:3

***“you are a letter from Christ delivered by us,
written not with ink but with the Spirit of the
living God, not on tablets of stone but on
tablets of human hearts”***

**“LIGHT UNDER A BUSHEL IS
STILL LIGHT, BUT IT DOESN’T
BRIGHTEN THE SPACE
AROUND IT”**

Matthew 5 verses 14-16

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Isaiah 60 verses 1-3

- *“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.*
- *For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.*
- *And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.”*