

471 VEILS THAT ARE ON THE HEART
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Text: Exodus 34:29-33

Introduction:

- I. Give the story of Moses coming down from the mountain and placing of veil over his face.
 - A. Moses had been on the mountain for 40 days and 40 nights in the presence of God.
 - B. He was given the 10 commandments.
 - C. His face shown and he did not know it.
 - D. He placed veil on his face while speaking with the people and when he went before the lord he took the veil off.

- II. PAUL USES THIS STORY TO TEACH A LESSON- 2 Cor. 3:11-18.
 - A. As Moses gave the people the old law that would fade away, the people could not look at his face 2 Cor. 3:7.
 1. This law came with splendor but would fad away.
 2. The new covenant would be even more beautiful and amazing.
 - B. The Jews could not see Moses' face because of the veil.
 - C. Paul used a comparison to show that the Corinthians had a veil before their faces or understanding, which kept them from seeing the truths of God.
 - D. The same thing happens with many today in that we have veils between us and the gospel and the teachings found in the Bible.

- I. THE JEWS HAD A VEIL OVER THEIR HEARTS AND COULD NOT SEE THAT CHRIST FULFILLED THE PROPHESES OF THE O.T.
 - A. They should have been able to see that Jesus was the Christ.
 - B. Isaiah, Zachariah and the other profits had spoken plainly of him in their prophecies.
 1. Philip told the Eunuch about Jesus. He had been reading from Isaiah. Acts 8:30-33.
 2. All of the prophecies in the old custom about Christ have been fulfilled.
 - C. Even to this day the veil is on their hearts as they read Moses 2 Cor. 3:15.

- II. MANY TODAY HAVE THE VEIL OF THE JEWS BEFORE THEIR EYES AND HEART.
 - A. Many stumbles over the law of Moses by thinking they have to observe the Sabbath.

1. The Sabbath as a day of worship was done away with- Col. 2:1.
2. We have a better covenant- Heb. 8:7-10.

B. 1 Cor. 16:1,2 tells us that Christians meet on the first day of the week.

C. Other Ways in which the law is a veil.

1. Some justified the instrument in worship by saying they were used in the Old Testament.
2. This keeps them from understanding that is not authorized in the New Testament.
3. We are to sing not to sing and play. Eph. 5:19.

III. THE LOVE OF THE WORLD IS A VEIL THAT KEEPS SOME FROM SEEING THE NEED OF CHRIST TODAY.

A. We are not to love the world- 1 John 2:15-17.

B. Love of the world included obstacles to the cause of Christ: riches, advantages, pleasures which stir desires that seduce one from God.

1. Rom. 12:1-2.
2. Phil. 3:17-19.

C. Lot is an example of letting material things keep him from saying the things that really counted.

D. Many enjoy these things and let them be as a veil between them and becoming a Christian.

E. We have hypocritical members that are veils that keep some from Christ. Matt. 5:16.

IV. OTHERS MAY HAVE THE VEIL OF EVIL THAT BLINDS CHRIST TO THEM.

A. Matt. 6:23 **"But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!"**

B. Sin is so import to some and attractive to them that they do not consider what the Bible says as being important.

C. Their evil minds are a veil to keep them from seeing and serving God.

V. SOME ARE BLINDED BY THE VEIL OF IGNORANCE.

A. 2 Pet. 1:5-9- Knowledge is one of the things that we are to add to our faith. If we lack these things we are blind and cannot see afar off.

B. Many are intelligent other matters but ignorant about what the Bible says

1. About rightly dividing scriptures.
2. About certain subjects in the Bible.
3. About the plan of salvation.
4. About the worship of the church
5. . About the church itself.

C. Bible study will remove this veil of ignorance- 2 Tim. 2:15.

VI. HATRED AND PREJUDICE WILL SERVE AS A VEIL.

A. 1 John 2:11 we will be in darkness and do not know where we are going.

B. People are prejudiced. That have their minds made up without seeing and hearing God's spoken word.

C. There is hatred and dislike.

D. This serves as a veil to keep one from see the truth and doing what God's says.

VII. CHURCHES AND PREACHERS MAY PUT ON VEILS THAT KEEP PEOPLE AWAY FROM CHRIST.

A. They put a veil on the gospel.

B. They forbade and do not preach the gospel on controversial subjects.

1. Marriage and divorce- Matt. 19:1-6.
2. Drinking and drugs- Gal. 5:19f.
3. Illicit sex and abortion.
4. The oneness of the church verses Division.

CONCLUSION:

1. WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT THE VEIL ON OUR HEARTS?

A. Individually we can look with an open face- 2 Cor. 3:18.

B. Look into the perfect all of Liberty- James 1:25.

C. Take the veil off or remove it.

1. Obey the gospel- 1 Pet. 4:17-18.
2. Add the characteristics mentioned in 1 Pet. 5:1-11.

- C. LET IT NOT BE SAID OF US. Matt. 13:15 For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.'
2. PROCRASTION CAN BE A VEIL. Acts 24:25 (NKJV) Now as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and answered, "Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you."