



Through a Glass Darkly

Doesn't that make one appreciate the beauty and mystery the word reveals as it speaks to us? The word of God not only is beautiful in its presentation, but also in its power. Power to change a life from darkness to light; from death to life.

Things are hidden from view perhaps because we are not able to understand. He sees further than we do. Even the end from the beginning. Are they are hidden from the view of those who would corrupt His purpose. Does it take a pure and sincere heart to discover them. The word says that if they had known they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. Yet it was that very death that birthed a multitude of new lives.

God seeks to draw us closer into intimacy with Him. As we are staring intently into the things of the Spirit, the full revelation and glory cannot be fully experienced by mortal man. So much we take by faith. Faith that the One who fulfilled the scriptures which spoke of His coming would never lie to us; would never deceive us of the joy and glory that awaits those who endure.

As we gaze intently into that mystery, we are changed from glory to glory. We keep our eyes on Him and His worthiness. As we do, He is constantly drawing and changing us to become more like Him. Changing even our likes and dislikes, our wants and desires. We are transformed by the renewing of our mind. Our one desire is to be more like Him and to please the Father always.

As we gaze at the glory which is to be revealed, we are temporarily blinded from full view. It is faith in that hope that gives us joy and strengthens our resolve. Can we, for a second, consider all a person blind from birth has to imagine. Going only by feel, he trust that what he has been told is what it is.

Now as we are working through the various situations in our livest, there are times when we wonder why God has not moved. He is working out all things so that His blessings may encompass many. We oft times in our haste cannot see the full picture but God can. He alone knows the results of a particular action. Our impatience, even often interferes and prolongs His plan.

We now only go by that feeling of peace which settles in our heart. As we pray through a situation, He will allow that peace that we have been heard settle in our hearts. We accept by faith that what He has promised will be accomplished.

We see it only by faith; through a glass darkly. We see like the blinded man that could only see shapes and men like trees walking. It will be like that blind person having their eyes opened for the first time. It will be an exploration of discovering the mysteries of God that have remained hidden throughout the ages. Things which the angels desire to look into.

The imagination of God created this earth and universe we now live in. Beautiful in all it's expanse. Do we have enough imagination to view His new creation? Only by faith. He has said that streets will be paved with gold. Will the flowers not only smell but sing melodies as they grow in the glory of God? Since there will be no death, will even the flowers never die? Colors will shine so vibrant that only spirit beings can experience them?

Men now argue and dispute about His mysteries. Disagreement about theology have caused many injurious splits in His body. Then we shall see and know the mysteries God has prepared for those who love Him. We shall all stand at attention in His glory. The body of Christ will be complete in Him.

Truly He is a God that hides His self. Partly He is not willing to reveal His holiness which would surely consume us. Partly because He is desirous of a people that will seek Him and are willing to surrender all to know Him. When we are tested, we shall come forth as gold. A gold that shines in the light of His glory. He will fully satisfy the hungry soul that puts Him above all.

Additional Note

To my friends that would inquire about my status. God is doing a work in my life. I have not received a sudden miracle, but a gradual healing. Just as our God has built healing into our bodies, I can feel Him allowing His works to manifest in me. I can now eat solid food even though I refused a feeding tube when they released me from the hospital. I can feel my strength returning after the stroke as I partake of nourishment. Mostly He has been my nourishment. He is my food and drink and giver of life.

He has perhaps used this situation for his glory. He has led me to write a daily email of my progress and mostly of expounding on the word of God. I write each morning what I feel the Holy Spirit is leading me to say, often not even knowing where He is leading.

I know it is Spirit led by some remarks I have received. One has said that it has caused them to pray more. Several others have remarked how encouraged they are and that they were saving them all to re-read. Some still remain unsaved but the seed of the word has been planted. "So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase." 1 Cor 3:7 If I am planting or watering, we know the One who causes the seed to germinate.

To God alone be any praise or glory that comes from this small effort. If you wish to be included, please send your email through the contact page. I will continue this effort as long as I feel the Lord is leading me. Without His leading, it would only be hollow words. You may also send any prayer requests for needs or agreements. God bless you all.