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veils and veiling

"but even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them." 2 cor 4:3-4

when our Lord Jesus gave up His final breath, the thick heavy veil leading into the Holy of Holies was split. what before had only been accessible to the designated high priest was now available to all who would seek to enter. so what is it that still keeps a lot of us out?

the Presence is no longer veiled by God - it is satan now veiling one's eyes from beholding the the truth and beauty of the One true God. this is his last ditch attempt to prevent people from knowing that truth and coming into the light. that's where believers come in.

"the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds." 2 cor 10:4 we must intercede in their behalf by battling down that veil; by pulling down strongholds of pride, prejudice, presumption, procrastination, or any other stronghold in which we discern they may be held, thus freeing them to choose Christ.

but what do we do when others choose to remain veiled. i think the recent and current situation of the world is indicative of what is happening in the spiritual realm. people everywhere are "masking" themselves.

perhaps it is symbolic of an attempt to hide themselves and the sin they indulge in. there is nothing hidden that will not be revealed. "all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account." heb 4:13 it is only prayer and the blood of Jesus that chances to rip that veil from their hearts.

believers must walk in the light they have and hope that light penetrates the darkness they perceive in others. we must put on the Lord Jesus Christ and dress in the armor He has provided: "having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." eph 6:14-17

"we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." eph 6:12 people are often like horses wearing blinders. it is those blinders which keep them from seeing a broader perspective. on horses, it can be a good thing to keep them focused only on the road ahead. on people, it can keep them from receiving and understanding the truth of the gospel. it can even prevent them from considering other possibilities.

the true God doesn't mind if someone questions truth. "try Me now in this," says the Lord of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour

out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it." mal 3:10 i challenge all doubters that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, go to the nothing or to whatever god you believe in and ask that "the truth" be revealed to you. i believe Truth itself will speak if you will but listen.

christians don't wear blinders as they are often accused of. having come out of darkness they can see all sides and now know the road that lies before them. they recognize the truth and are like runners in a race. there is no time to look to the right or to the left, only to rush to the finish line. "but none of these things move me; nor do i count my life dear to myself, so that i may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which i received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God." acts 20:24

be a testifier and finish your race with joy  
unspeakable! even so, come quickly Lord Jesus.