Lifting the Veil

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INTRODUCTION

- The scriptures talk about aha moments, or duh moments, depending upon how you look at it, about things that people see that were not seen before.
- He talks about the lifting of the veil, of being able to see something that wasn't seen before.
- Where do we stand or where should we stand in regard to that aha moment?

1 The Superseding Glory of the New Covenant

2 Corinthians 3:7–11; Exodus 34

- The first thing that the apostle is doing is he is showing the superseding glory of the new covenant in comparison to the old covenant.
- The tablets of the old covenant, there in Exodus 34 in that context, were tablets of stone. But we have the new covenant written on the tablets of flesh, that is our heart.
- All a law can do is condemn because we're going to violate that law.
- Its superiority is seen because it has a provision for forgiveness.
- That old covenant had glory. It had glory, but the new covenant exceeds much more in glory.
- This veil that made that old covenant lesser has now been taken away in Christ.

2 The Mystery Was Revealed in Christ

1 Peter 1:10–12; 1 Corinthians 1:18; Ephesians 3:1–10

- Those old testament prophets had a veil. They were prophesying of things, but they didn't know what they were talking about.
- For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are saved, it's the power of God.
- It was covered, it was veiled because man's wisdom could not conceive of what God was doing or what he would do. But now the mystery has been revealed.
- When you see the church, the culmination of God's eternal purpose, that the veil is lifted and the wisdom of God is made known.

3 Removing the Veil of Darkness and Hopelessness

John 8:12

- Christ came to remove the veil of ignorance. But he came to remove other veils as well.
- He came to remove the veil of the darkness of being lost.
- I'm the light of the world. He who follows me shall not walk in darkness.
- If you're in Christ, that feeling is gone. That feeling of wandering around in life. Lost. No sense of direction.

- He lifts the veil of the darkness of hopelessness. That now there is hope.

4 Being Transformed Into That Image

2 Corinthians 3:18; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 4:22–23

- Not only do I see that glory, but that glory is being transformed into my image.
- So I become more and more like him.
- Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. Old things have passed away. Behold, all things have become new.
- We begin this transformation by having those sins washed away and by putting off that old man.
- I'm being transformed from the inside out by the renewing of my mind.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Would you submit your life to Him? Relinquish that stubborn will and say, God, transform me into what you would have me to be.**

MY NOTES