



Daily Reflections

June 15, 2017

Scripture

2 Corinthians 3: 15-4: 1-6

Brothers and sisters:

To this day, whenever Moses is read,
a veil lies over the hearts of the children of Israel,
but whenever a person turns to the Lord the veil is removed.
Now the Lord is the Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is freedom.

All of us, gazing with unveiled face on the glory of the Lord,
are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory,
as from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Therefore, since we have this ministry through the mercy shown us,
we are not discouraged.

And even though our Gospel is veiled,
it is veiled for those who are perishing,
in whose case the god of this age
has blinded the minds of the unbelievers,
so that they may not see the light of the Gospel
of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

For we do not preach ourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord,
and ourselves as your slaves for the sake of Jesus.

For God who said, Let light shine out of darkness,
has shone in our hearts to bring to light
the knowledge of the glory of God
on the face of Jesus Christ.

Our Scripture Reflection

The hallmark of a good teacher is their ability to capture the imagination of their students. Paul is a master teacher. Using imagery that His Jewish audience understood, he presented the Gospel to them as a gift from God that is "unveiled" or clear for those who desired to see it. Unlike The Law which was difficult to follow because of its many regulations, and which was, therefore, "veiled", the Gospel is visible, clear and glorious for those who want to experience its power to save them.

Food for your Journey

Donald D. Miller writes in his book *Searching for God Knows What* (122): "If you believe Jesus was God, and he came to earth to walk among us, the first thing you start considering is that he might actually care. Why else would something so great become something so small? He didn't close himself off in a neighborhood with the Trinity; he actually left his neighborhood and moved into ours, like a very wealthy and powerful man moving to the slums of Chicago or Houston or Calcutta, living on the streets as a peasant.

"I started thinking about the idea my friend at the Bible college suggested about how, if God is a perfect and loving Being, the most selfless thing he could do would be to create other beings to enjoy him. And then I started thinking that if those creatures fell away from him, the most selfless thing a perfect and loving Being could do would be to go and get them, to try to save them from the death that would take place in his absence."

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, You desire nothing more than for me to be loved by You and to spend eternity with You in Paradise. Help me, Lord, to love You above all else. Amen.