

Up Periscope: God's Transforming Mirror (Secret Two of *Six Secrets*)

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Introduction

Looking into the Mirror

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(2 Corinthians 3:18)

Scripture is this transforming mirror

What does this mirror show us?

Our Unveiled Face

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Moses and the veil

What unveiled believers *should* see (2 Corinthians 3:17-18)

The Believing Heart versus the Unbelieving Heart p. 33

1. Moses and the veil
2. Israel and its continuing veiled heart (2 Corinthians 3:12-16; cf. Rom 11:25)

Excursus: 2 Corinthians 4:3-4

³ But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,⁴ 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 Corinthians 4:3-4)

Veiled = blinded. Veiling blind man's eyes accomplishes nothing.

The god of this age is Satan. Those saying "the God over this age" err.

Satan blinds by _____ light.

God blinds by _____ light.

The "god of this age" in this passage is Satan, not God.

3. Lest (NKJV) = so it might not. Satan works to prevent people from seeing.

End of excursus.

2 Corinthians 3:18 says that only believers behold the glory of the Lord.

From Glory to Glory

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2 Corinthians 3:18 does not say that all believers see the Lord's glory in this life.

How clearly we see His glory requires our coöperation.

Christian growth is designed to improve our vision.

Conclusion