Seeing the Face of God

Scripture reading: 2 Corinthians 3:18

The verse in 2 Corinthians 3:18 means that the more we see the glory of God, and the more the brightness, the light, the blessedness of God encompasses our beings, the more we see Jesus. This is "His face." "His face" is the riches of His glory, the goodness of His nature, the blessedness of His presence. The more we see it, "WE...ARE CHANGED...from glory to glory" to be like Him.

Matthew 5:8, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." The purer the heart is, the clearer the vision will be. Matthew 6:23, "But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!" We are talking about spirit vision and not natural vision. Matthew 15:14, Jesus said, "Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." We are talking about seeing the face of God (seeing the face of Jesus) and about those who are blind and cannot see the face of Jesus.

2 Corinthians 3:13-17, "And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not steadfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ. But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart. Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away. Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." This "veil shall be taken away" when men "turn to the Lord" Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:4, "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." We are talking of the mind being blinded, for it is with this mind that one is going to see the face of Jesus.

John 16:14 and 15, "He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you." It is the Holy Spirit that gives us this vision, so that we can see the face of Jesus. The Bible tells us here that the Holy Spirit shows us Jesus. He is the revealer of Jesus, so that as we walk in the Spirit, we get more and more the vision of the face of Jesus Christ, and we become what we behold.

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