

Spoken Word no. 176
From Image to Image and Glory to Glory
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The Spoken Word is the original seed pp. 31 *Now, brethren, sister, look back. If you look at a shadow of anything, it's the very expression of the real image that's coming....*

Let's bow our heads in prayer. Dear Gracious father we hear your prophet talk to us of the Image that is coming, and we know that there is an image of Christ that we are ordained to be conformed to, and there is the Image of the Beast that is also spoken of, so which image is it that we will be conformed to is the question tonight. Help us Lord to understand just what it means to be conformed to the Image of Your Eldest Son, that we might not be among them that are conformed to that other image, the Image of the Beast for we ask this in Jesus Christ's name, Amen..

Now, we know that Jesus came forth as the reflection or in the image of God.

Hebrews 1: 3 *Who being the brightness of his glory, and the **express image** of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;*

Colossians 1:15 *Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:*

1 Corinthians 15: 49 *And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.*

And we know that we are to be conformed to the image of the first born son.

Romans 8: 29 *For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

Galatians 3: 27 *For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.*

Romans 13: 14 *But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.*

Colossians 3:10 *And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:*

2 Corinthians 4:1 *Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; 2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. 3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 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. 5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face* (the Greek word translated as *face* is *prosopon*

which means in the presence of) *of Jesus Christ. 7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels*, (what treasure do we have in earthen vessels? The *light of the knowledge of the glory of God*) *that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us*. In other words, that same light of Life that was in Christ lighting up His life to the word, and lighting up the Word in Him, is the same Light of Life that lights up our life.

1 John 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; 2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

Now, how is it that this light of Life can be heard by us, and then we can show it unto you? Well, not only do we declare it in what we say, but our lives become a written epistle read and known of all men. Now, we will get to that in just a minute, but let's continue with Paul's thought here.

3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. 5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Notice then that God is Light and in Him is no darkness at all. Then the Image of God is light, and how that light is reflected shows whether it is the image of God or not. So let's see how Paul brings this out for us.

2 Corinthians 3:1 Do we begin again to commend ourselves? or need we, as some others, epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you? In other words, Paul is saying, we do not need letters about us as though we are in good standing with our organization, as the denominations must do. No, not at all. That is not what the life of Christ is all about. *2 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:*

What men see in you, in your speech, in Your Life, in your actions towards one another, that is our written Epistle known and read of all men. *For as a man thinketh in his heart so is he and out of the abundance of the heart his mouth will speak*. So what you say and what you do reflects what you are and this in itself can be read of all men. Did not Paul say in *1 Corinthians 2: what man knows the things of man except the spirit of man is in him? And what man knows the things of God except the Spirit of God is in Him*.

It is no wonder that in *Romans 8* when Paul speaks of the manifestation of the sons of God He is speaking of the image of the first born son being reflected in the words and actions of other sons who are conformed to that image.

*Now in getting back to **2 Corinthians 3:3** Paul says, Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart. 4 And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward: 5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;*

Not that we are sufficient in ourselves but what we are reflecting is the God image that reflected forth from his Son, and down through sons. *Every Seed bringing forth after the image of the original seed.*

***2 Corinthians 3:6** Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. 7 But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: 8 How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?*

What Paul is speaking of here is when Moses came down with his face glowing, having been in the presence of God for 40 days, and when he came down the people were so afraid due to this supernatural image glowing forth from his countenance, that they actually asked Moses to put a veil over his face to hide the glory of God.

***Exodus 34:29** And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him. 30 And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him. 31 And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Moses talked with them. 32 And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him in mount Sinai. 33 And till Moses had done speaking with them, he put a vail on his face. 34 But when Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he took the vail off, until he came out. And he came out, and spake unto the children of Israel that which he was commanded. 35 And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the vail upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him. And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the vail upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him.*

This was a foreshadow of the Glory of God in us, reflecting from us and the rejection of that Glory by those in the church who see it in us. That is why Jesus said, Father I have given them thy word but the world hateth them as it hated me, but the glory which you gave to me I have given to them that they might be one with us, even as You and I are one.

9 For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of **righteousness exceed in glory**. 10 For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, **by reason of the glory that excelleth**. 11 For if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious. 12 Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech: 13 And not as Moses, which put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: 14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ. 15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart. 16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away. 17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Ephesians 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. 17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, 18 **Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:** 19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. 20 But ye have not so learned Christ;

In other words they are readying themselves to receive the mark of the beast which is death spiritual death. **Revelations 13:14** And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. 15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. 16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. 18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

Ephesians 4:21 *If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. 25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. 26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: 27 Neither give place to the devil. 28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. 29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. 30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: 32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.*