

Removing Veils

2 Cor. 3:12-18

Introduction:

- A. Law served as veil to Jews after Christ came.
 - 1. Christ took away law. (Col. 2:14).
 - 2. Yet, Jews allowed to blind them Christ.
- B. Mystery of Gospel no longer a mystery. (Eph. 3:1-12).
- C. Many veils over hearts of people today that need removing.

Discussion:

- I. The Veil Of Ignorance. (Rom. 10:1-4)**
 - A. Destroyed Israel (Hos. 4:6)
 - B. Crucified Christ. (Acts 3:17).
 - C. No excuse. (Acts 17:30).
- II. The Veil of Human Tradition. (Matt. 15:1-3,6,9).**
 - A. "Have always done it." (Matt. 5:27ff)
 - B. "Mother and Father did it" (Matt. 10:34-37; cf. Roast & Pan)
- III. The Veil Of Human Wisdom. (Luke 10:21)**
 - A. World by wisdom knew not God. (1 Cor. 1:21-24)
 - B. Do not need to have a "why" for everything – God's authority enough. (Mt. 7:21; Gal. 3:1).
 - C. Example of human reasoning refuted. (Rom. 6:1).
- IV. The Veil Of Worldly Standards (Phil. 3:19).**
 - A. Israel allowed world to set standard for government.
 - B. Standard of greatness
 - C. Standard of morals.
 - 1. Everybody does it.
 - 2. Media sets standard too often.
 - D. Standard of religion (Rev. 3:1).
 - 1. Influences us in too many ways.
 - 2. Worship, language, work, preaching, etc.
- V. The Veil Of Personal Feelings (Jer. 10:23).**
 - A. Misguided conscience. (Acts 26:1).
 - B. Prejudice. (Naaman-2 Kings. 5).
 - C. Emotional pull. ("What about so and so...")
 - D. Personal tastes.
 - E. Personal Feelings or thoughts must be brought into captivity to Christ. (2 Cor. 10:5)
- VI. The Veil Of The Present Reward. (Matt. 6:1-2).**
 - A. Six "P's" in pod of present reward:
 - 1. Praise
 - 2. Pleasure (cf. Heb. 11:25)
 - 3. Prestige
 - 4. Popularity
 - 5. Prosperity.
 - 6. Peace. (Peace, peace when there is no peace)
 - B. Effects our preaching and teaching.
 - 1. Preach it round or flat.
 - 2. Avoid offending anyone.
- VII. The Veil Of Pride. (John 9:26-34)**
 - A. Personal, family and clannish pride.
 - B. Keeps truth about gospel and ourselves hidden from us.

Conclusion:

- A. Remove veils by turning to Christ.
- B. Remove veils by applying teaching of Christ.