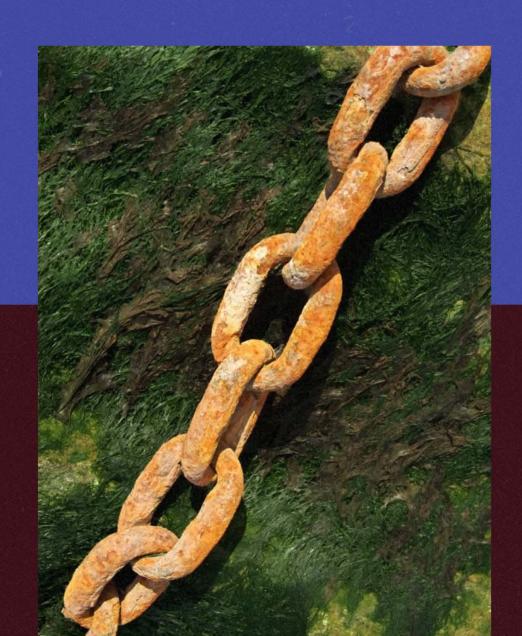


### SOLOMON NORTHUP



## Many Christians Saved but still Enslaved



#### 2 Corinthians 3

#### **v6**

... our sufficiency is from God, <sup>6</sup> who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

#### THE LETTER KILLS BUT THE SPIRIT GIVES LIFE







The Next Ten Verses 7-16 are in (Parenthesis)



## The Gospel is Not Law and Grace ... It's Grace!

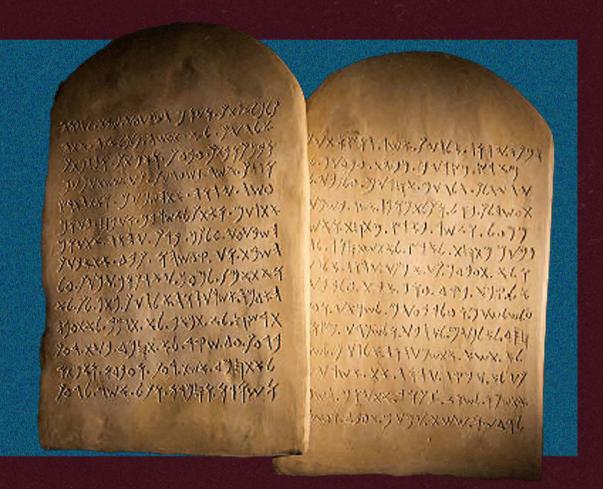
(v 7-11)



<sup>7</sup> Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, 8 will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? 9 For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory.



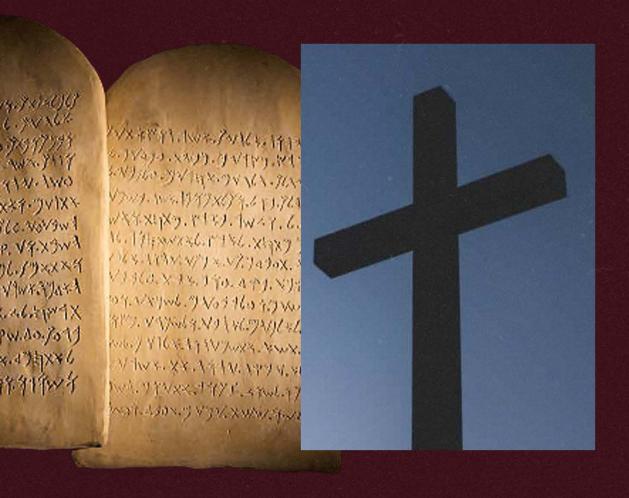
<sup>10</sup> Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. <sup>11</sup> For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent, have glory.



Why are the Ten Commandments called the ministry of death?

3000 died

The Letter kills but the Spirit gives life



Why is it called the ministry of death?

When we are saved by grace but live under the law, the "mixed gospel" becomes a ministry of "death"!

The Second Giving of the Law

Exodus 34:6-9
"The LORD, the LORD merciful and gracious... abounding in goodness and truth"







# The Glory is Not the Old and the New! It is the New!

(v12-16)



<sup>12</sup> Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech... <sup>13</sup> unlike Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away.



<sup>14</sup> Their minds were blinded. For until this day the veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament because the veil is taken away in Christ... <sup>16</sup> Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

When Moses came down the mountain the people ran away from him...





14 Their minds were blinded.
For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament because...
This veil can be removed only by believing in Christ!



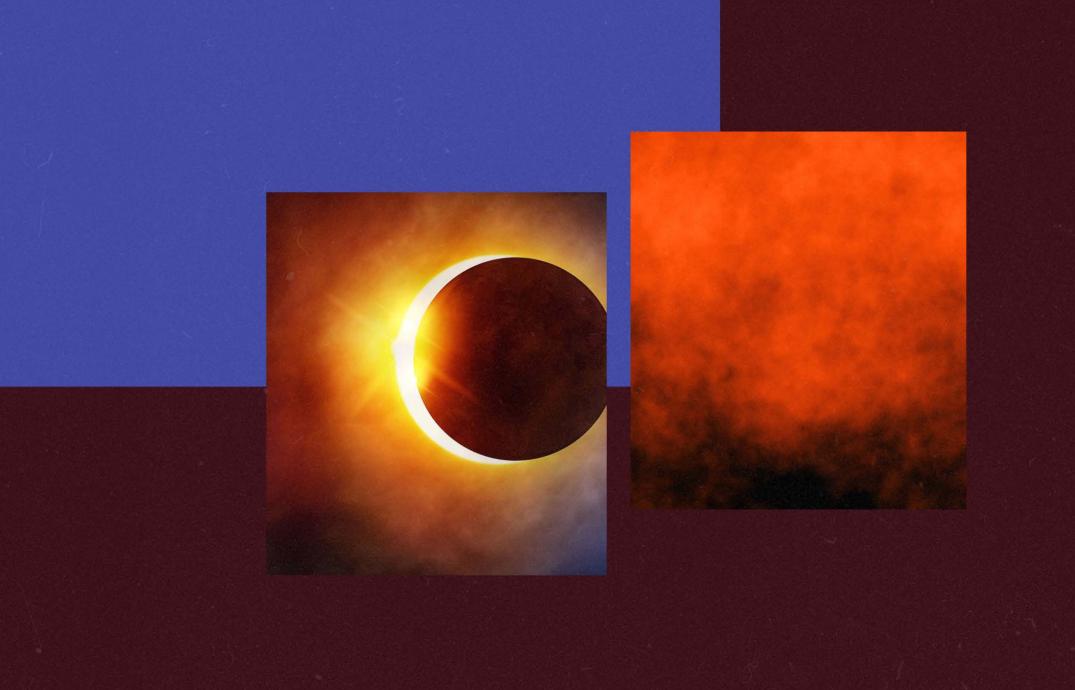
### Bible tells us the god of the world has blinded the minds of unbelievers.

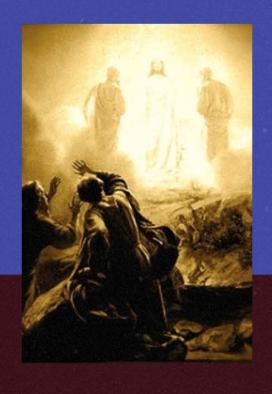
Q: Why should the devil blind people's minds?

It is because there is a glorious beauty and immense attractiveness in Jesus.

# The New Life is Not Just Salvation Alone It Is Also Transformation!

(v17-18)





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<sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty..."

<sup>18</sup> But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

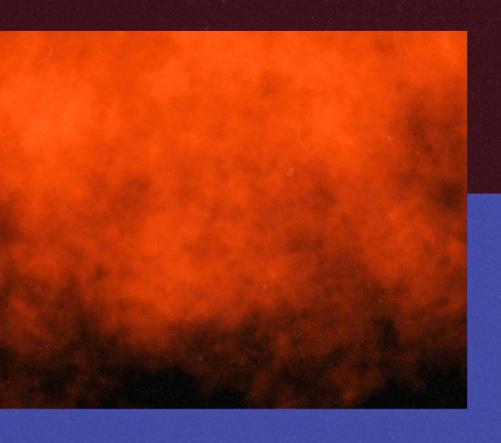


How are we Transformed?

... "beholding as in a mirror..."

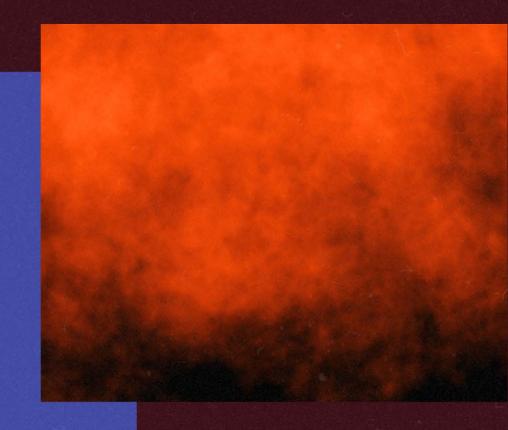
How can beholding yourself in a mirror change you?

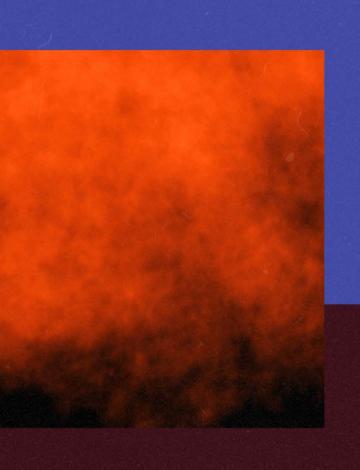
You only see yourself!



..."beholding as in a mirror..." *Katotripzomenoi* 

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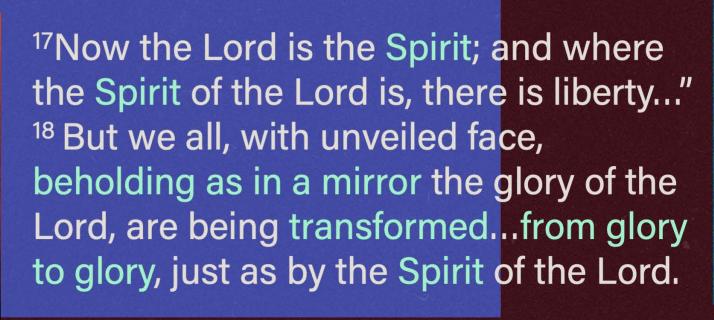


#### How do we behold?

By taking out time

- To Know Him in Prayer...
- To Gaze at Him in Worship...
- To Meditate on Him through His Word... (Romans 10:17)

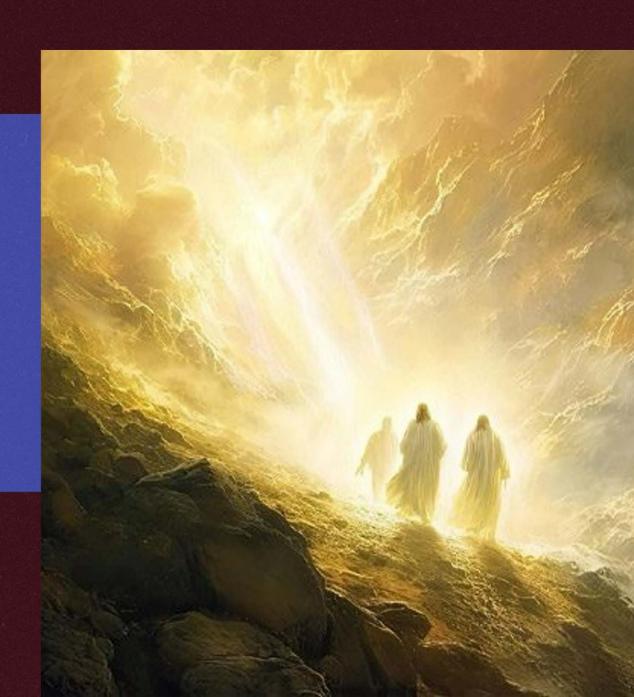
### Who Transforms us? The Spirit





Peter (*Cephas*) Stone James (*Yakov*) Supplant/Replace John (*Yochanan*) God's Grace

The Stone
Has been Supplanted/ Replaced
By God's Grace





## ...And the people ran towards Jesus

