



“Greater Ministry”

Higher Goals
II Corinthians 3:12-18

Ministry with a:

I. Mindset – “But their **minds** were blinded” (vs. 12-14)

A message of:

- A. **Courage** – “we use *plainness of speech*”
- B. **Clarity** – “could not *steadfastly look to the end of that*”
- C. **Conviction** – “the same vail *untaken away*”

II. Means - “Where **the Spirit** of the Lord is” (vs. 15-17)

A message for:

- A. **Comprehension** – “the vail is *upon their heart*”
- B. **Conversion** – “Nevertheless when *it shall turn to the Lord*”
- C. **Capacitation** – “there is *liberty*”

III. Metamorphosis – “**changed** into the same image” (v. 18)

A message with:

- A. **Viewpoint** - “But we all, with *open face beholding*”
- B. **Vitality** – “from *glory to glory*”
- C. **Victory** – “by *the Spirit of the Lord*”

Sentence Sermon

“It is not what a man does that determines whether his work is sacred or secular, it is why he does it.” A.W. Tozer

Additional Verses

- Galatians 2:16, 21; 5:1, 22
- James 1:22-25
- Romans 8: 9, 28-29
- Philippians 1:6; 3:21
- Colossians 1:24-29
- Ephesians 1:19; 3:7
- John 15:26; 16:6-15
- Exodus 34:29-35
- Romans 11:8-10
- John 8:32, 36
- I John 3:2

Questions to Ponder

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. How would you describe the hope of the believer?
4. Was the vail on Moses' face to his shame or Israel's? Explain
5. What does it mean “their minds were blinded?” How does it happen?
6. What is meant in verse 16 by “the vail shall be taken away?”
7. What brings liberty according to verse 17?
8. What does “beholding as in a glass” suggest that a believer should do?
9. How does the Spirit change us from glory to glory?
10. What can believers do to speed up the transformation or metamorphosis?
11. How would you define or describe a mature Christian?