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*Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.* *Hebrews 12:12-13*

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## THE VEIL APPLIED AND REMOVED

*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 of Jesus Christ. II Corinthians 4:6*

When Moses returned from Sinai it was necessary that a veil be placed upon his face because his face shone and this shining caused the people to fear looking upon him. *"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."* (Exo 34:30) So when Moses conversed with them he did so with a veil upon his face. *"And till Moses had done speaking with them, he put a veil on his face."* (Exo 34:33)

In this we see a picture of the terror of the law which was given to Moses on Mount Sinai. A mount which could not even be approached or touched by man or beast lest they die. This is also a picture of the sentence of death (even as the executioner and the condemned man are often veiled) which is upon the heads of those who are under the law. Even as Paul says, *"The ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not steadfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away"* (2Co 3:7) And it is a picture of the temporary nature of this "law" whose glory was to be done away with.

Not only that but it is most clearly a picture of the darkness which is upon the hearts of all who think that they can approach the LORD through the works of the law. *"Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech: 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."* (2Cor 3:12-15)

This is the blindness which is upon natural Israel and subsequently upon all religious men of whatever stripe, who would consider that any of their actions could cause them to find favor in the sight of GOD. The kingdom of GOD is hidden from them by this same veil that covered Moses' face. The difficult thing is that such men think that they can see but do not know that they are blind, halt, and lame. *"Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth."* (John 9:41) There is only left for them a certain fearful looking for judgment.

It was necessary that the law be given, because men by nature are lawless and disobedient and unto every good work, reprobate. The law is not given for a righteous man but for the lawless and disobedient. Therefore the giving of the law manifested the deserved destruction of the wicked and takes away all grounds upon which a man might consider that he could find favor with GOD through his own supposed deeds of righteousness. *"Therefore*

