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Ex. 34:27-35 - II Cor. 3:11-18.

INT:

N. T. text contains a comparison and a contrast also.
 Contrast: Difference in New Law and the Old Law of Moses.
 Comparison: Similarity of Moses' veil and the veil of short-sightedness in religion today.
 Jews could not see Moses for the veil and some cannot see Christ today because of the veil over the heart.

I. THE OLD TESTAMENT VAIL STILL BLINDS PEOPLE TO CHRIST.

- A. Jesus, the end of Moses' law, but the Jews could not see that as they could not see Moses. Gal. 3:24-25.
- B. Paul used the veil illustration to illustrate the blindness in the Jews of his day. Vs. 15.
- C. Some blinded today by misunderstanding Old Testament.
 1. It was for Jews only. Never gentiles. Vs. 16.
 2. It was always known as an imperfect law. Jas. 1:25.
 3. It was given to serve for a time. Vs. 14.
 4. It prophesied the new law and Law-giver. John 1:17.

II. SOME STILL LET THE VAIL OF SIN COVER THEIR HEARTS.

- A. People who persist in sin do not want eternal life.
- B. Sin hardens the human heart. I Tim. 4:2. I Tim. 5:6.
- C. Truth cannot penetrate the mind set against it. Matt.
- D. Who put the veil there? Who must remove it? 13:14-15

III. VAIL OF IGNORANCE CUTS OFF OUR VIEW OF SALVATION.

- A. Some ignorant folks want to stay that way. John 6:66.
- B. Wisdom of man often veils his heart so that he cannot grasp the wisdom of God. I Cor. 1:27. Foolish.
- C. Many do not desire heaven because of pure ignorance.
 1. Old Oklahoma athiest. "Now tell me about Heaven."
- D. Ignorance derails one's mind and leads him to eternal destruction. Romans 10:1-3.

IV. VAIL OF INDIFFERENCE OBSCURES OUR SEARCH FOR JOY & PEACE

- A. Devil's greatest weapon is not temptation but indiff.
 1. Ill. Submarine sank. Strange gas escaped. Men too satisfied to try to escape watery grave.
- B. Paul sought to awaken the sleeping Romans. Rom. 13:11.
- C. Joy is excitement aroused by expectation of good.
No joy without repentance. Luke 15:10. Not until.
- D. Peace is simply harmony with God. Romans 5:1.

INV:

We must remove the veil from our heart before God can remove sin from our souls. B-R-C-B. Erring: R-P.