

Seen vs. Unseen: A Guide to Eternal Perspective



Beyond Scope

Note for 20251028 - 2 Cor 4

1. Opening

We are to receive the Word of GOD by the Spirit, so I strongly urge you to pray before you receive the Devotional. Let Christ take the lead in your Spiritual Development.

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Introduction

From the Verse of the Day (Verse 18,) I bring you the entire scripture of this chapter to teach us to look beyond the scope of things-seen to that which is unseen and eternal. To be called to share the Word with others, as Paul writes here, "in the face of Jesus Christ," means to look beyond the scope. And yet, this that I brought you is written for all to read if the heart so desired. As I read, so can you. What I received, you can receive too. Being called to the Light, is to shine out of darkness, from this earthen vessel that decay with time, as all things seen; but, the unseen is gathered by those that harvest the field of GOD.

2. Scripture Text

2 Corinthians 4:1-18 KJV

"[1] Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; [2] but have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. [3] But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: [4] in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. [5] For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. [6] 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. [7] But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. [8] We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; [9] persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; [10] always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. [11] For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. [12] So then death worketh in us, but life in you. [13] We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak; [14] knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you. [15] For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God. [16] For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. [17] For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; [18] while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."

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3. Devotional Reflection

Why would you remain in darkness? If the Light is seen, can darkness comprehend or does it flee to hide around corners in the shadows? When the Sun sets, darkness creeps into that which was once illuminated, bringing all without light of itself into the obscurity it deserves. In the Night, those vessels without light are not included, and can only hope that some of the light might be reflected unto them, lest they are lost to darkness forever. "Night comes when no man can work," are you still considering that which can be seen, or that which shines in the unseen and is eternal. Am I writing strange things?

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 KJV

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Why would you hide yourself from that which can save your unseen soul, for it is seen by GOD.

This was written to people who lived in a place of idol worship, obsessed with the pleasures of the flesh. And we live in a "material world," hard at work to blind the people for the cause of the god of this world. The Labour in the Gospel of Jesus Christ has a net result in those that believe that brings us to the Verse of the Day:

2 Corinthians 4:18 KJV

"[18] while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."

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"Beyond Scope." That is what the Verse of the Day is for those who are fixed on the temporal. It cannot be seen, the mind and heart cannot comprehend unless the Spirit of GOD reveals it; meaning that the Light of Christ must fall from above on that which is still in darkness, stuck in the seen world and ignoring the Light of Truth. In the unseen Faith in Christ, a flame is lit within this mortal flesh that burns for the unseen and eternal, and darkness comprehended it not.

The things of the night will be gathered unto the night in darkness, and of course, the angels of a fallen world will deal with the Word of GOD deceptively and make of it what it is not, blinding their congregations. It preaches for products of this temporal world, it lusts after it in profit and gain, where these temporary things will go the way of the seen unto decay. Be that rust, consumption by moth or worm and returning to dust.

Paul wrote profound words to the Corinthians in a city that worshiped the seen-things of this world, and even the practice of worship to these false gods and idols in temples in prominent places were by the fleshy indulgences or consumption and fornication. If written as a tweet or blog post, the words would have been sent unto all the Earth not just one city. What it would not be is "trending" on social platforms. The people of this world, mostly all though rich or poor, have their value measured in material things. Like the young rich man, unable to Part with what they have and follow Jesus Christ. What is desired stands like a brick and mortar wall between eternity as they are left on the shadow side of that wall, blinded by obscurity from the Light that would fall on them.

4. Verse of the Day

From the YouVersion Bible App

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5. Closing Paragraph

Now, with eyes "wide shut," they run in circles, heading nowhere good until the message of the Gospel falls on them, and they are brought to the Light of Jesus Christ. At that moment, that which was inclusive at first becomes like the enemy to them, for they are no longer of it. While the flesh may perish, the enlightened soul which is unseen and eternal, will be gathered unto the Light and Truth in Jesus Christ.

You can forget my words, but do not forget The Word of GOD.

Selah, Shalom

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