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RE- FLECTING GOD

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2 Corinthians 3:7-18

Exodus contains an intriguing story. Moses met with God alone for a 40-day period to restore the stone tablets of the law destroyed because of the Israelites' sin of worshiping the golden calf (32:19). During this time, a change came over Moses that became immediately apparent when he returned to their camp. "When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD" (34:19). This radiance caused fear among the Israelites. Such a clear reflection of God's glorious holiness was disturbingly convicting for the sinful, stiff-necked Israelites. Thereafter, Moses covered his face with a veil, except when he was speaking with God or while speaking to the Israelites on God's behalf.

Paul points out that Moses' display of divine glory was "transitory," soon fading away (2 Corinthians 3:7). No veil required.

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