

Show Forth His Glory

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Ref Verse: 2 Cor 3:18

I. Optanomai- “To reflect light as by a mirror”

A) Also translated as “appear” and “shewed himself”

1) **Matt 17:3, Luke 1:11, 22:43, 24:34, Acts 7:26, 1 John 3:2, Rev 11:19**

i. Thus the verse speaks not of gazing at yourself in a mirror, but of reflecting an image as a mirror reflects sunlight

ii. **1 Pet 2:9-** Shew forth the praises of Him that hath called you into the light

II. The correlation between the light and the reflector

A) Dwight Moody had this written in the front of his bible: “This book will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from this book.”

B) **1 John 1:5-** God is light and in Him is no darkness at all

1) **Rom 3:10-13-** Man is darkness and from him comes no light at all

i. How did this come to be?

a) **Gen 3:1-** 1st question in the bible (“Has God spoken?”)

b) **Gen 3:9-** 2nd question in bible (result of the 1st)

1. **Gen 3:1-21-** The entry of darkness into the human race (“this world”)

(a) Adam knew he “naked” (uncovered) and continued to be that way after covering himself with fig leaves, therefore the nakedness wasn’t simply physical

(b) Adam and his wife had been clothed in God’s light

(1) **Psa 104:1-2-** God clothed Himself with light as a garment

(2) **Luke 9:29-31-** Moses and Elijah in glory with Christ is glistening light (“we shall be like him”)

(3) **Rev 22:5-** God to give saints light

(4) **Dan 12:3-** Saints shall shine forth as stars

(5) **Acts 6:15-** Stephen’s face shown as an angel

(c) Adam went from a covering of light, to fig leaves and finally to the blood sacrifice God offered for him

c) **2 Cor 4:3-7-** Light in earthen vessels

d) **Matt 5:14-16-** Let your light shine (reflectors)

e) **Matt 24:1-10-** Light is produced by oil and not the vessel in the same way light is reflected by mirror and not from it

ii. **2 Tim 2:12-13**- If we deny Him, He will deny us (light, not salvation from hell)

a) **Eph 5:18**- Be filled with the Spirit (filled is not sealed)

b) **Matt 14:22-32**- Peter walks on water, but when he turns his eyes from Christ, the mirror image is gone

1. This is exactly how we cease reflecting His glory today, by turning our reflector away from Him

(a) **John 3:19-21**- Man hates light and loves darkness

(1) This is proven time and again when we commit some sin and it turns us away from the word of God.

III. The first shall be last and the last first

A) **Gen 3:1-15**- The serpent (“shining one”) was the highest of creatures and was brought to the lowest point, the same way Lucifer was the greatest of all spiritual creatures and yet shall be brought down to the pit

B) **Psa 8:4-5**- Man made lower than the angels and yet will be brought to the highest position

1) Now this is a most important thing to understand: God uses the weak and feeble things, so that He is glorified, and that is why man was made low.

i. **2 Cor 12:9**- “My strength made perfect in weakness”

ii. **1 Cor 1:27-31**- God hath chosen the foolish and weak things

a) “The sun is no respecter of mirrors, but will show forth it’s glory off any fragment that is turn towards it.” *Donald Barnhouse*