

## Looking at the True Face of Jesus Pt.2

### Introduction:

#### Matt 14: 25-33

<sup>25</sup> Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup> And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear.

<sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup> And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

<sup>29</sup> So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw that the wind *was* boisterous, he was afraid; **and beginning to sink he cried out**, saying, "Lord, save me!"

<sup>31</sup> And immediately Jesus stretched out *His* hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

<sup>32</sup> And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

<sup>33</sup> Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

### Hebrews 12:1-2

**12** Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God

## **ensnares us (entangles)**

**euperistatos: easily encircling**

**Original Word:** ΕΥΠΕΡΙΣΤΑΤΟΣ, ΟΥ

**Part of Speech:** Adjective

**Transliteration:** euperistatos

**Phonetic Spelling:** (yoo-per-is'-tat-os)

**Short Definition:** easily encircling

**Definition:** easily surrounding, encircling, **easily distracted.**

### **HELPS Word-studies**

**2139** *euperístatos* (from **2095** /*eú*, "well"; **4012** /*perí*, "all-around"; and **2476** /*hístēmi*, "stand") – properly, well-planted all-around, describing what is encompassing (encircling), i.e. **surrounding, "wholly around"; (figuratively) a serious hindrance that "encircles" (hampers) someone who desperately needs to advance.**

## **looking**

**Tense:** Present

**Mood:** *Participle*

**Voice:** Active

**amphora: to look away from all else at**

**Original Word:** ἀφοράω

**Part of Speech:** Verb

**Transliteration:** aphoraó

**Phonetic Spelling:** (af-or-ah'-o)

**Short Definition:** I look away from

**Definition:** I look away from (something else) to, see distinctly.

### **HELPS Word-studies**

**872** *aphoráō* (from **575** /*apó*, "away from" and **3708** /*horáō*, "see") – properly, "looking away from all else, to fix one's gaze upon" (Abbott-Smith).

## **2 Corinthians 3:18-4:6**

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18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.”

4 :1

Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. 2 But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God. 3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. 5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus’ sake. 6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.!

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**This is not subjective but objective not Mystical but Historical**

Matt. 17:1-9

Isa 6

Rev 1

II Peter 1:16-21

So we are saying that the way to see the face of Jesus is in the pages of Holy Writ

John 1:1

John 1:18

Col. 1:15

**The Theme of this passage is being Transformed into the image of Christ by Beholding the Face of Christ.**

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18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."

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Therefore "

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## **I. We are not Discouraged !**

4 Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. "

### **ministry**

**diakonia: service, ministry**

**Original Word:** διακονία, ας, ἡ

**Part of Speech:** Noun, Feminine

**Transliteration:** diakonia

**Phonetic Spelling:** (dee-ak-on-ee'-ah)

**Short Definition:** waiting at table, service, ministrations

**Definition:** waiting at table; in a wider sense: service, ministrations.

### **HELPS Word-studies**

**Cognate:** 1248 *diakonía* – ministry; active service, done with a willing (voluntary) attitude. See 1249 (*diakonos*).

**Lose heart** ek kakao

ἐγκακοῦμεν .

**1573** *ekkakéō* (from **1537** /ek, "out from and to" and **2556** /kakós, "inwardly bad") – properly, to be negatively influenced with the *outcome* of experiencing inner *weariness*.

speaks of defecting from doing good, or to give in to bad.

Kakos, is general evil

So this is a sinful defection

2 Cor. 2:12

2 Cor 7:50

Look at Paul's on Testimony of Suffering

**2 Cor 1:3-9**

**4: 8-10**

**6:4-5, 8-9**

**11:23-28**

## **II. We are Repenters !**

2 But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, "

### **III. We are Faithful !**

v. 2 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.

### **IV. We are Enlightened !**

#### **A. The Perishing!**

4:3

But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them."

#### **Perishing**

Present Participle

Original Word: ἀπόλλυμι

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: apollumi

Phonetic Spelling: (ap-ol'-loo-mee)

Short Definition: I destroy, lose, am perishing

Definition: (a) I kill, destroy, (b) I lose, mid: I am perishing (the resultant death being viewed as certain).

HELPS Word-studies

622 apóllymi (from 575 /apó, "away from," which intensifies ollymi, "to destroy") – properly, fully destroy, cutting off entirely (note the force of the prefix, 575 /apó).

622 /apólymi ("violently/completely perish") implies **permanent (absolute) destruction**, i.e. to cancel out (remove); "to die, with the

**implication of ruin and destruction" (L & N, 1, 23.106); cause to be lost (utterly perish) by experiencing a miserable end.**

Now the god of this world, or the god of this aion, the word aion means age.

The god of this age. Well what does that mean? Well whoever the god of this age is, he is in control of this age. What age? Man's age, today in our world.

The god of this age is the one who controls the thoughts, the ideas, the opinions, the ideals, the maxims, the hopes, the impulses, the aims, the goals, the views current in the world, the one who reigns in the world's philosophies and the world's psychologies and the world's education and the world's commerce and the world's labor and the world's sociology. In every enterprise he is the monarch.

Who is this? Who is this god of this world? Back in Matthew chapter 4 we start to get an answer to that, verse 8, the devil takes Jesus to a very high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in their glory and said to Him, "All these things will I give You." Now you can't give what you don't have, right? So there you have the devil possessing the kingdoms of the world. It's none other than the devil himself who is the god of this world.

In John chapter 12: 31, chapter 14:30 and chapter 16: 11, three times **Satan is called the ruler of this world.**

Ephesians 2:2 he is called the prince of the power of the air. He is the one who rules the atmosphere of demonic habitation that surrounds the earth.

In 2 Timothy 2:26 he is the devil who has captivated the senses of men.

In 1 John 5:19 the whole world lies in the lap of the evil one. Satan has blinded the minds of the unbelieving. How has he done it? Does he get inside your head and mess around with you? No. He's created...he's created the society in which you live that has this massive influence. All the ideologies, as I said, the thoughts, ideas, opinions, ideals, maxims, hopes, dreams, impulses, aims, goals, views, everything in the world as we know it is under the control of the god of this age.

And it's not enough that people are dead in their trespasses and sins. It's not enough they're veiled from the truth because they hate the light and love the darkness and therefore they are unbelieving and on the road to damnation, compounding that problem Satan has created a system in this age that panders to their depravity and deepens the darkness. And so it can be said of them by Jesus in **John 8:44, "You're of your father the devil."** The blind perishing unbelievers follow Satan's system.

### **Michael Horton writes**

“Not to be alarmist, but it looks a lot like Satan is in charge right now. The enemy has a subtle way of using even the proper scenery and props to obscure the main character. The church, mission, cultural transformation, even the Spirit can



become the focus instead of the means for "fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith" (Heb. 12:2)."

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### **A.W. PINK**

The gospel of Satan is not a program of anarchy. It does not promote strife and war—but aims at peace and unity. It does not seek to drag down the natural man—but to improve and uplift him. It advocates education and cultivation, and appeals to the "best that is within us." It endeavors to occupy man so much with this world—that he has no time or inclination to think of the world to come. It propagates the principles of self-sacrifice, charity and benevolence; and teaches us to live for the good of others, and to be kind to all. It appeals strongly to the carnal mind and is popular with the masses, because it ignores the solemn facts —that by nature man is a fallen creature, alienated from the life of God, dead in trespasses and sins, and that his only hope lies in being born again.

The gospel of Satan teaches salvation by works. It inculcates justification before God, on the ground of human merits. It is a bloodless gospel, and presents a crossless Christ, who is received merely, as the Ideal Man.

The apostles of Satan are not saloon-keepers and white-slave traffickers —but are for the most part ordained ministers! Their message may sound very plausible, and their aim

appear very praiseworthy—yet we read of them, "For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, 13"

masquerading as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness." (2 Corinthians 11:13-15).

In Proverbs 14:12 we read, "There is a way that seems right to a man— but in the end it leads to death." This "way" which ends in "death" is the Devil's Delusion—the gospel of Satan—a way of salvation by human attainment. It is a way which "seems right," that is to say, it is presented in such a plausible way that it appeals to the natural man. It is set forth in such a subtle and attractive manner, that it commends itself to the minds of its hearers. By virtue of the fact that it appropriates to itself religious terminology, sometimes appeals to the Bible for its support (whenever this suits its purpose), holds up before men lofty ideals, and is proclaimed by those who have graduated from our theological institutions, countless multitudes are decoyed and deceived by it!

It as been said with considerable truth, that the way to Hell is paved with good intentions. There will be many in the Lake of Fire who lived with good intentions, honest resolutions and exalted ideals; who were just in their dealings and charitable in all their ways; men who prided themselves in their integrity

—but who sought to justify themselves before God by their own righteousness; men who were moral and kind— but who never saw themselves as guilty, lost, hell-deserving sinners, needing a Savior. Such is the way which "seems right." Such is the way that commends itself to the carnal mind and recommends itself to multitudes of deluded ones today. The Devil's Delusion is that we can be saved by our own works, and justified by our own deeds!

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Mind

Nouama The reasoning ability. the thinking process.

Reprobate Romans 1: 23—

## **B. The Preaching**

5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake."

Michael Horton stated  
in Article " Getting in Christ Way"

"What would things look like if Satan actually took over a city? The first frames in our imaginative slide show probably depict mayhem on a massive scale: Widespread violence, deviant sexualities, pornography in every vending machine, churches closed down and worshipers dragged off to City Hall. Over a half-

century ago, Donald Grey Barnhouse, pastor of Philadelphia's Tenth Presbyterian Church, gave his CBS radio audience a different picture of what it would look like if Satan took control of a town in America. He said that all of the bars and pool halls would be closed, pornography banished, pristine streets and sidewalks would be occupied by tidy pedestrians who smiled at each other. There would be no swearing. The kids would answer "Yes, sir," "No, ma'am," and the churches would be full on Sunday ... where Christ is not preached."

Of course, Satan loves war, violence, injustice, poverty, disease, oppression, immorality, and other displays of human sinfulness. And of course he is displeased whenever a cup of cold water is offered to a thirsty man in Christ's name. However, what he spends most of his time plotting is the displacement of Christ from the focal awareness, ministry, and mission of the church. Keeping unbelievers blind and believers distracted is his main strategy. Genuine renewal only comes when we realize that the church is always drawn to distractions and must always be redirected to Christ, always one generation away from becoming something other than the place in the world-the only place, in fact-where the finger points away from us to Christ, "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29)."

No matter what we say we believe about Christ's person and work, if we aren't constantly bathed in it, the end result will lead to H. Richard Niebuhr's description of Protestant liberalism: "A God without wrath brought men without sin into a kingdom without judgment through a Christ without a cross." According to University of North Carolina sociologist Christian Smith, the working religion of America's teens-whether evangelical or liberal, churched or unchurched-is "moralistic, therapeutic deism." And the answer to that, according to many megachurches and emerging churches is "do more; be more authentic; live more transparently." This is the good news that will change the world?

## **C. The Projection**

6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

### **I Peter 2:9-10 "**

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy."

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**Eph 5:8"**

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord."

**Luke 4:18**

"THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED,

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**Acts 26 :15**

15 So I said, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 16 But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you. 17 I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, 18 to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'"

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**Calvin wrote "**

"Indeed the Word of God is like the sun, shining upon all those to whom it is proclaimed, but with no effect among the blind. Now, all of us are blind by nature in this respect... Accordingly, it cannot penetrate into our minds unless the

Spirit, as the inner teacher, through his illumination makes entry for it." (Calvin's Institutes 3.2.34.)