

TEAR DOWN THE VEIL

“I can see clearly now”

Sometimes the most obvious and important things in life can be right in front of our face, yet we don't have the eyes to see or the ears to hear.

The Bible warns of veils that cover people's hearts and people's minds

Do I have any veils over my heart and my mind that I am not aware of?

We need to be continually assessing the vision of our mind and the vision of our heart.

***Proverbs 25:2 (NLT)** It is God's privilege to conceal things and the king's privilege to discover them.*

It is our God-given responsibility to seek out and discover those things in our lives that are hidden behind the veil.

THREE VEILS THAT GOD DESIRES FOR US TO PULL DOWN

VEIL # 1 - PRIDE

Pride, outside out of its proper context, is dangerous and reckless.

*Proverbs 1:7 (NLT) “Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools **despise** wisdom and discipline.”*

Pride is a very subtle but powerful veil that we all can fall victim to.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT) “All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. ¹⁷ God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.”

Tearing down the veil of pride starts with humility.

God allows us to have the freedom of the will and the ability to think, but His deepest desire is for us to put those back into his hand in humility and ask, “*can you help me with this?*”

VEIL # 2 - REBELLION.

Ephesians 4:18 (NLT) “Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him.”

Paul’s warning - Rebellion and resistance towards God veils your mind with darkness

When we resist God, whatever He pours into us will be diminished and reduced to less than it was originally.

Our thoughts and attitudes get a tune up when we stop resisting God and give him access to our mind and our heart!

VEIL #3 - **IGNORANCE.**

Isaiah 44:18-20 (NLT) Such stupidity and ignorance! Their eyes are closed, and they cannot see. Their minds are shut, and they cannot think. ¹⁹ The person who made the idol never stops to reflect, “Why, it’s just a block of wood! I burned half of it for heat and used it to bake my bread and roast my meat. How can the rest of it be a god? Should I bow down to worship a piece of wood?” ²⁰ The poor, deluded fool feeds on ashes. He trusts something that can’t help him at all. Yet he cannot bring himself to ask, “Is this idol that I’m holding in my hand a lie?”

- We need to be thoughtful and intentional as we step into the future!
- We need to stop using ignorance as an excuse for missing the mark that God has placed before us!

2 Corinthians 3:15-16 (NLT) “Yes, even today when they read Moses’ writings, their hearts are covered with that

veil, and they do not understand. ¹⁶But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.”

Psalms 119:18 (NLT) “Open my eyes to see the wonderful truths in your instructions.”

When we tear down these veils, we step into the future boldly, with the ability to discern and navigate all of life's challenges and obstacles.

Leviticus 16:2 (NLT) The Lord said to Moses, “Warn your brother, Aaron, not to enter the Most Holy Place behind the inner curtain whenever he chooses; if he does, he will die. For the Ark’s cover - the place of atonement - is there, and I myself am present in the cloud above the atonement cover.

Isaiah 25:7 (AMP) “And on this mountain He will destroy the covering that is [cast] over all peoples, And the veil [of death] that is woven and spread over all the nations.”

Isaiah 35:5 (NLT) “And when he comes, he will open the eyes of the blind and unplug the ears of the deaf.”

Matthew 27:50-52 (NLT) “Then Jesus shouted out again, and he released his spirit. ⁵¹ At that moment the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, rocks split apart, and tombs

opened. ⁵² The bodies of many godly men and women who had died were raised from the dead.”

Jesus victory over death and sin tore that veil that Adam and Eve had draped over us.

2 Corinthians 4:6 (NLT) *For God, who said, “Let there be light in the darkness,” has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ.*