

**Introduction:**

- We have been lifting up Jesus this July!
  - Light Up The Darkness: Satan wants to keep us veiled so that we cannot see the Truth.
  - He is veiling (hiding, burying, covering up) the Light of the Gospel of the Glory of God in the face of Jesus.
  - To be veiled is to have no spiritual perception or insight.
  - God wants us to find Truth, to find the glory of the Son.
  - Col 1:15 *"Christ is the visible image of the invisible God."* NLT
- Last week: Beholding Glory And Being Transformed, we become what we gaze, look at or are occupied with. When we see the infinite worth of Christ everything here pales in comparison.
- This morning I want to share with you how to make Satan afraid. We are talkin'...be afraid devil!
- Theme: The thing Satan fears the most is humanity being freed and taking on the image of Christ!

**I. He Fears Christ Revealed To Us**

- A. Jesus is the visible image of the invisible God. We were made in his image but brutally marred by sin. So severely disfigured we have hardly any resemblance of the Father.
1. *"Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation,"* (Colossians 1:15, NLT)
    - a) Image: He is the manifestation of the invisible God—perfectly and absolutely. Christ is the visible representation and manifestation of God to created beings. The man you see in scripture called Jesus, He is exactly what God looks like. He sounds like God and He acts like God...because He is God in the flesh.
      - (1) He existed before anything was! "Be afraid devil!"
      - (2) Supreme over all creation. "Be afraid devil!"
      - (3) So many powerful implications in those two things.
    - b) *"The point for Paul is that Christ is given to us as God's image so that we may know what God wills and does. The concept of the image of God also makes it perfectly plain who Jesus himself is."* TDNT.
    - c) Phil 2:6 *"who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,"* (Philippians 2:6, ESV)
    - d) *"In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."* (2 Corinthians 4:4, ESV)
    - e) *"Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us*

- the Father'?"* (John 14:9, ESV)
2. Jesus reveals to us the God we cannot see.
    - a) Jesus reveals the kindness of God to us (Heals Peter's mother in law, pays the disciples taxes, feeds 5000, on the cross makes sure his mom is taken care of).
    - b) Jesus reveals the love of God to us (we get what we do not deserve when we believe).
    - c) Jesus reveals the mercy of God to us (he cares for people—woman caught in adultery, thief on the cross).
    - d) Jesus reveals the compassion of God to us. (to the leper, Jesus says I am willing)
  - B. How can you not love God when you have seen Jesus. The people of Jesus' day loved Jesus until the god of this age blinded their eyes from the Truth through the lies of the Pharisees.
  - C. Jesus is the Life that is Light
    1. We are born spiritually dead. Romans: through one mans sin we all died. Ro. 5:15-19 Satan does not want us walking to the light, in the light or carrying the light.
    2. In Jesus is Life and that Life is light to us! Those who get the light cause darkness to flee. That is a threat to the kingdom of darkness. John 1:4-5 "*In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*" (John 1:4-5, ESV)
    3. Satan is afraid of Christ revealed. That is why the Revelation of Jesus Christ (Rev 1:1) is so awesome! It topples anti-christ systems. Bring the light out from under the basket! Let it do its work!

## II. He Is Afraid Of Christ Received!

- A. If we do not see, we die.
  1. Romans 1:18-ff
    - a) vs. 23 they change the 'glory' of God for/into their own image. They defined God by their opinions, or the opinions of men. They were fools to do this Paul said.
    - b) vs. 25 they exchanged truth for lies. (what Adam and Eve did in the garden)
    - c) vs. 25 therefore they worshipped the creature (things created/Satan) rather than the Creator.
    - d) vs. 28 they gave up their knowledge of God and the Light faded therefore producing death—see the following scriptures from vs. 28 on. "*And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.*" (John 3:19, ESV)
  2. Satan Fears the sons of men receiving the Light because it transforms them and

topples him!

- B. The Light in us produces the image of God in us. When the Light enters we take on and grow in the image of God. We receive same image as Adam had at the start in the garden. Romans 8:29—we therefore participate in His divine likeness.
  - 1. Those who are in Christ's image are in God's image in the true and original sense of Gen 1:27.
  - 2. 2 Corinthians 3:18 *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.* NKJV Seeing the Lord's glory means sharing it and thus being changed into his likeness. But we have to see it first.
- C. We see by believing. John 1:12-13 *"But to all who did **receive him, who believed in his name**, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."* (John 1:12-13, ESV)
- D. We search to find.
  - 1. Prov 2:1-6. Incline the ear, seek, search for – those who do receive wisdom and knowledge of God.
  - 2. Wisdom and knowledge of God produces life in the believer which results in worship which results in more of God.
- E. Satan fears Christ revealed! He is terrorized by the fact of Christ received! And third...

### III. He Is Afraid of Christ Revered (to regard with respect, awe, honor, adoration)

- A. The work of grace on the human heart results in God receiving more glory.
  - 1. *"For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God."* (2 Corinthians 4:15, ESV)
- B. Where Christ is revered there is obedience.
  - 1. *"If you love me, obey my commandments."* (John 14:15, NLT)
  - 2. It is an obedience motivated from the heart.
- C. When the Invisible becomes visible our song changes!!! 1 Timothy 1:17 *"To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen."* (1 Timothy 1:17, ESV)
  - 1. Amazing Grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me...
  - 2. Ie. There is One seated on the throne, even now seated on the throne, He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, He is the only one and He is in control.
- D. We forsake the things of this world when we see Him.
  - 1. Hebrews 11:27 *By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.* NKJV
  - 2. Philippians 3:8 *"Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ"* (Philippians 3:8, ESV)

- E. God lives in the camp of the worshiper! Psalms 22:3 *But You are holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel.* NKJV
  1. 2 Chron 20:20-23. The Lord set an ambush against the enemy when Judah worshipped.
  2. Look at all the worship in the book of Revelation as end time judgments are released through the worship and intercession of the Saints.
  3. Egypt was delivered the final judgment when Israel worshipped God with the blood of the lamb.
- F. The devil is afraid of the One who is able to present us faultless—To Him be glory and dominion and power. Jude 24 & 25! *“Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.”* (Jude 24-25, ESV)

**Conclusion:**

- What does the devil fear?
  - He fears Christ revealed to lost humanity.
  - He fears Christ received into the human heart.
  - He fears Christ revered in the Body of Christ.
- He fears Light, Glory and the Authority (power) of Jesus Christ!