

3ABN SABBATH SCHOOL PANEL
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THE SHINING FACE OF MOSES

Exodus 34:29-35 (NKJV) “(29) Now it was so, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony were in Moses’ hand when he came down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him. (30) So when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. (31) Then Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned to him; and Moses talked with them. (32) Afterward all the children of Israel came near, and he gave them as commandments all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. (33) And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face. (34) But whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with Him, he would take the veil off until he came out; and he would come out and speak to the children of Israel whatever he had been commanded. (35) And whenever the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses’ face shone, then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with Him.”

What was the cause of Moses’ radiant face?

After God revealed His character of love to Moses, Moses descended to Israel’s camp with a radiant face. Did Moses know at first that his face was radiant? Not at all. The closer one is to the Lord, the more keenly aware the person is of his or her imperfections compared to God’s holiness

1. God’s Glory will be seen through those connected to him.

- a. Isaiah 60:1-2 (NKJV) “Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. (2) For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you.”**

2. When God is in our hearts it will be revealed in our lives:

- a. 2 Corinthians 4:6 (NKJV) “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.”**

It was only when he understood God’s goodness and kindness, and he completely opened himself to God because of the beauty of His character, that Moses was transformed, and his face shone. Our hearts and minds can experience a change when we surrender to God and allow Him to be the Lord and King of our lives.

3. The glory of God will be revealed in our works:

- a. **Matthew 5:16 (NKJV) “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”**

4. When we behold the glory of God that glory reveals itself through us:

- a. **2 Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV) “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.”**

How can Jesus gradually transform you into His image?

Paul compares Moses’ shining face with Jesus Christ and that the glory of Jesus (in whom God’s law and grace were personified) surpasses the glory of the law with Moses. Christ, together with His law, can be engraved in our characters only when we fix our eyes on Jesus.

PRINCIPLES OF PRAYER:

1. Don’t Loose heart:

- a. **Luke 18:1 (NKJV) “Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart.”**

2. Constant Prayer prepares us for discernment to escape the pitfalls of the world:

- a. **Luke 21:36 (NKJV) “Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”**

3. Intercessory prayer on behalf of others:

- a. **Romans 1:9 (NKJV) “For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers.”**

4. Pray and be watchful:

- a. **Ephesians 6:18 (NKJV) “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—”**

5. Pray for self-spiritual sustenance:

- a. **Matthew 26:41 (NKJV) “Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.”**