## Who is that Masked Man? Ray Stedman

## I. Introduction.

- A. Text: II Corinthians 3:12-18.
- B. Moses was the masked man of the Old Testament—he was "veiled," which symbolized the Old Covenant.
- C. The glory and excitement of being able to fulfill a task is the glory of the Old Covenant.
- II. Through Christ we have a new glory of the New Testament that is God at work in a person.
  - A. The mark of someone who has trusted the New Covenant is boldness and honesty.
  - B. Moses hid because he was hiding the dispensation of death and condemnation, which is the end of trying our best on our own merits.
  - C. When a man turns to the Lord the veil is removed.
  - D. The veil is still on the Jews today because they do not see that the end of their self-efforts will be nothing but waste.
  - E. When we start making a list of good deeds to fulfill we become wretched in self-righteousness.
  - F. The Spirit of the Lord brings freedom—there is no reputation to defend.
    - 1. The man can be himself.
    - 2. God's basis of deliverance is to give a person righteousness so that he already has it.
    - 3. This gives a person an ability to love others genuinely.
  - G. The law is intended to kill us, but God intends to change us from one glory to the next when we behold Him through the New Covenant.

## **Application questions:**

1. What is the Old Covenant? Why was it ineffective?		
2. When have you struggled with self-righteous	ness? What is the solution to this?	

3. What is the Spirit's role in the New Covenant? Explain.	
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