

TITLE AND NUMBER: 69. Divine transformation



REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S): Exodus 34:29-35

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the Lord had given him on Mount Sinai. When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. But whenever he entered the Lord's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the Lord.

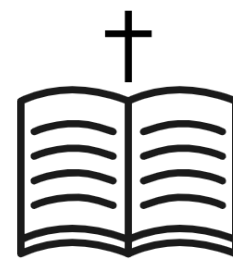
LOOKING FURTHER: 2 Corinthians 3:12-18; Matthew 5:14-16

What does this Bible passage tell us?

This passage is an example of the change that happens when a person spends a considerable time in God's presence. Moses spent forty days and nights in God's presence. The transformation was so great that Moses had to cover his face with a veil whenever he was not in God's presence, because it shone so brightly. The veil was for the convenience of others, not for Moses and certainly not for God.

When you spend time reading the Bible and praying, the changes in your behaviour and lifestyle can become unsettling to those around you. The natural reaction might be to hide the changes, which can put a veil between you and others.

However, Jesus encourages us to allow the changes in our life to be very clear to others: *"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."* (Matthew 5:16b). As you spend time in prayer and reading the Bible, it is important to let others see the changes in your behaviour and the adjustment to your lifestyle; it honours God.



Reflections:

- What changes are you seeing in your behaviour as a result of reading the Bible?
- Is there a particular behaviour you wish to change? Find out what the Bible says about it; it will help you a lot.
- Do you have a planned way of reading the Bible this year? If not, ask Chaplaincy for a Bible reading plan.

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

