

THOSE GLIMPSES OF GLORY

11. Cor. 3:18.

One meaning of glory is "Great praise and honor" another is brightness.

We use to sing a good old song, O That Will Be Glory For Me." One part of a verse was like this, "When by his grace I shall look on His face that will be glory for me." *Song*

Another song was like this, "There is glory in my soul" *Song*
"Since I lost my sins and found my Savior there is glory in my soul."

It does not appear that we can do any more here than get glimpses of glory. But that is mighty good. I had a half dream the other morning..I saw our choir here, and every thing was bright and beautiful. The choir came in a processional from the back yonder. Some day when our choir has practiced some more I crave for it to enter in a glorious processional. *Song*

Paul said, "And all of us, with faces from which the veil has been lifted, seeing as if reflected in a mirror the GLORY of the Lord, are being transformed into His likeness, from glory to glory, as it is given by the Lord, the Spirit." *Paul*

Soren Kierk-e-gaard, the Danish Mystic lived over one hundred years ago but has just recently been discovered by the English speaking world. In some of the writings accredited to him there is a parable about a flock of geese in a barn yard to which he likened the Christians of his own day.

Every seventh day the geese paraded to one corner of the lot and heard their biggest orator gander speak on the wonders of geese. He told what great things they had done how their forefathers mounted up on wings and flew all over the sky. He spoke of the mercy of the creator who gave them wings so that they could fly. The geese applauded the preaching of the oratorical goose. All this they did but there was one thing they did not do and that was to fly. They went back to their dinners and the security of the barnyard. Kierkgaard was too courteous to apply that to any Christians except those of his own day. *Geese*

us Talk of the Great Trans of long ago - How then does such and the

We continue to hear about glimpses of glory that the vision of God gave to a select people whose names are buried in the Bible, and then seem to act as if those things happen no more.

We review the great things Jesus did, and then many of us go on living as though he was an historical being who lived centuries ago and was sealed in a tomb from which He never emerged.

There are people who will tell you that they enjoy reading about great Bible characters who lived long ago, that they send their children to Sunday school, and think the church is a great institution but whose lives are as empty as a country church on a rainy Wednesday night because they refuse to let those ideas get down below the surface and change their personalities. We worship the form of the church instead of the Christ who founded it.

We must never let form and dress have any indication of taking the place of the inner spiritual condition. One person indirectly advised that I should wear striped trousers and a long tail coat in this pulpit. When I see how some ministers go for form I wonder what one of early Christians would think if he came back to the world and met one in the road.

One day there was a very ordinary looking little Jew going along a road in Palestine. If you had met him you would not have thought he was any thing out of the ordinary...but as he journeyed he got a glimpse of glory that changed his course in life and changed the course of history in the whole world. That man was Saul of Tarsus..He it was who said:

AND ALL OF US, WITH FACES FROM WHICH THE VEIL HAS BEEN LIFTED, SEEING AS REFLECTED IN A MIRROR THE GLORY OF THE LORD, ARE BEING TRANSFORMED INTO HIS LIKENESS, FROM GLORY TO GLORY, AS IT IS GIVEN BY THE LORD, THE SPIRIT

About forty years ago there was a young college student in Kansas. One day, in not as spectacular way as Paul, got a glimpse of glory. He wanted to be a medical missionary. He worked a long time trying to get some mission board to take him on. When one did take him they sent

him to Arabia. With his scalpel in one hand and his Bible in the other, ^{and down in his hand} he entered himself to the people till the name of Paul Harrison became the synonym of life and hope to many a Moslem. His fame grew beyond the borders of Arabia., till a few years ago one of America's most widely read magazines wrote him up as one of the ten greatest Americans out side the United States. He had a glimpse of glory and did some thing about it.

There is something about life and human personality that tends to cauese us to become what we pursue and persistently see....Man and wife get to looking like each other..one wife said, "Please save me from a thing like that." If we and tamper with evil too long it begins to be reflected in our lives. The same is true of the good. One farmer said "If we look at pigs all the time we get to be like pigs."

III. Ernest and the Great Stone Face.

Long long years ago God sent His Son into the world as one to give glimpses of the glory world to those who would open their eyes to see...Our faith can become a conduit through which Christs beauty and power may enter our lives and then make us channels through which those about us may see glimpses of glory of the glory world.

To get the vision of God we must put His will above our own wishes. What is the will of God? I am sure that it is not a thing of the yesteryears petrified in libraries and books of men a long time dead.

As our faith grows and we continue to see God's glory we too like Paul said begin to be trasformed into Christ's likeness.

A little boy in an alley trying to throw sunshine in an upper story window..brother on back for two years and could get no sunshine..throwing it up to him so that he can ahve some too. We are to catch the glimpses of glory and reflect them in the world's dark places.

