

Volume 6, Day 28: Blindness Is Self Imposed

We think that it was God who had blinded the eyes of the Disciples. But the truth is that all of us are blinded by our own choice not to believe what we are hearing. This is most often due to the fact that this is new information and revelation and no one else seems to believe it either. We choose to remain ignorant of the truth for fear we would wander away from God's own people in the process of believing God's personal revelation to us. And we accept the lie that, "... if you are the only one who believes it, you must be wrong!"

Jesus had entered into Jerusalem in triumph. The city was stirred to its foundations. But a strange god was there, the pride of Pharisaism. It was religious and upright, but a gathering of "white-washed tombs." And for many Christians today, our personal 'self-righteous whiteness' is more important than obedience to the personal revelation of God. We have a strange god - not a disgusting monster, but a disposition that rules us! I am blind (by my own choice) to the things which belong to my peace. It is an appalling thing that we can be in the place where the Spirit of God should be have his way with us, and yet increase our self-condemnation in direct contradiction to the Gospel itself.

"If you had known ..." - God goes direct to the heart. These words imply culpability. God holds us responsible for what we do not see. "Now they are hidden from your eyes" - because the selfish natural disposition has never been yielded fully to the Holy Spirit of God. How sad to have missed what "might have been!" God never forces open doors that we have closed. He opens other doors. He does remind us that there are doors which we have shut, doors which need never have been shut, imaginations which need never have been sullied. Never be afraid when God brings back the past. Let memory have its way. It is a minister of God with its rebuke and chastisement and sorrow. God will turn the "might have been" into a wonderful culture for the future.

My Confirming Scripture: My Aligning Experiences:

DEEPER Every Day -- John Henry Alan