

# *Beholding and Becoming*

## LESSON 02

**"We all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image..." (2 Corinthians 3:18)**

My precious child,

My greatest desire is for you to be completely open and honest before Me so I can purify you, so that your life will become a mirror in which others can see Me. When the Spirit fills you, you are transformed, reflecting My glory—My character. Can't you tell when others have been in My Presence, beholding the very glory of God, as your spirit senses My nature in them?

Keep your life open to Me. Take a break from everything else. The busyness of things delays and hinders Our time together. In order to live this way, you must keep your focus on Me, staying in unity with Me. Let other things come and go; let other people criticize you as they will; but never allow anything to detract (to take away a part) from the LIFE that "is hidden with Me in God". Never stop abiding in Me, for this is the SOURCE of your power. It's not easy to focus on Me that closely, but it's POSSIBLE and I will make it so as you STIR UP the PASSION within you for the things of God. Learn how to CONTINUE "beholding as in a mirror the Glory of the Lord..." and PUT Me FIRST, so that everything else fades in comparison.

To BEHOLD Me is to BECOME like Me. As you sit in My Presence and take in My BEAUTY and SPLENDOR, I shine My Face upon you. My REFLECTION is then IMPRINTED upon you. My Face becomes your face! You are CONTINUALLY

**being CONFORMED** (to be similar in form, nature, or character; to bring into agreement) **to My IMAGE.**

**To put it another way, as an elderly man sat in front of a primitive camera on a wooden tripod, the image of his weathered face imprinted itself on the glass inside the lightless chamber. The very same thing happens continually in the soul of every human being. This man's heart is much like the camera, and everything that passes before his eyes makes an imprint on his soul. I want to imprint My IMAGE upon your soul so that your very countenance** (appearance, especially the look or expression of the face) **reflects My BEAUTY.**

**As this occurs** (to happen) **you will become RADIANT** with humble gentleness, glowing purity, and kindhearted compassion, offering patience and love for injustice, forgiving even your worst enemies. And just as I gave you an example of tender love and compassion when I went to the Cross, you will follow My EXAMPLE as you BEHOLD Me.

**MEDITATE** on My LOVE for you, as you gaze (focus on) lovingly upon Me, and let Me quiet your fearful soul. And in the process you will be transformed to closely resemble (to be like or similar to) Me. The Glory of My Face changes even the countenance of those who allow Me to move and shine through them. Others will recognize that, because of My Presence, you've become CLEAN and HOLY—you've been CHANGED, REFLECTING My BEAUTY.

**Don't just glance** (to look quickly or briefly) **upon Me now and then, and don't be in a hurry just to catch a brief glimpse** (view) **of Me, but FIX your eyes on upon Me CONTINUOUSLY. Bask** (to be exposed to a pleasant warmth) **in My Presence and let Me CHANGE and FILL you. As you**

**discipline yourself to BEHOLD Me DAILY, My IMAGE will BURN itself into your soul, so HOLD STEADY and TRAIN your spiritual eyes to FOCUS on Me. START TODAY!**

**Get into your SECRET PLACE that is SET APART for Me alone. Close your eyes and quiet your mind and just LOVE on Me. Allow your love for Me to well up within you and hold that love and affection out as a gift to Me. You will then begin to SENSE My Presence STIRRING DEEP inside you, drawing you closer. CHOOSE to rest and bask in that warm, loving place. It is there that I begin to make you look just like Me, REFLECTING My Glory. Don't be in a hurry, for this LOVE EXCHANGE can last for some time.**

**Like a sculptor who takes a rough piece of marble and begins to chisel away sections, he brings out the exquisite (of special beauty) form in his mind's eye. The marble will not carve itself; the transformation happens over time through patience and hard work. In the same way you cannot change yourself—it's a WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT that happens when you FIX your eyes on upon Me while My Glory streams down and brands its own dazzling imprint on your heart.**

**Consider the delicate (fine in texture, quality, easily broken or damaged) flowers that turn toward the sun and focus on its warm and light, slowly opening their buds to display their beauty; you MUST FIX your gaze upon Me and allow the warmth of My LOVE to saturate (soak) you. Such changes will not happen overnight. In fact, at first you may only notice the faintest of changes, the smallest glimpse of My BEAUTY, but little by little you will become My MASTERPIECE, displaying unspeakable joy, peace that flows like a river, a true humble spirit, and deep compassion for others. My divine attributes will shine through you.**

**Keep in mind that a mirror image is only an imperfect representation of the original, just as murky puddles only dimly reflect the glory of a landscape. More often than not, our lives resemble murky (dark, gloomy, cheerless, not clearly, vague) puddles the same way a cracked mirror inadequately (not good enough for the purpose) reflects the face that one holding it.**

**At times our lives are more like a cracked, distorted looking glass that reveals only tiny glimpses of the beauty it should reflect. In fact, the back of the mirror has no reflective qualities at all, even when turned toward the sun; the person holding it must gaze at the glass in order to see his reflection.**

**If you want to REFLECT My Glory, you MUST KEEP your gaze continually on My Face. Truly, the outcome is sure—as you spend time basking in My Presence, you will begin to look like Me, and when others see you, they'll know you have been with Me, because My Glory will SHINE through you, IMPACTING the world for Me.**