

## THE FACE OF JESUS

"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." (II Cor. 4:6).

### **1. A Shining Face**

"And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. " (Matt. 17:2); "His head and *his* hairs *were* white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes *were* as a flame of fire; " (Rev. 1:14).

### **2. A Determined Face**

"And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, " (Luke 9:51); "For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed. " (Isa. 50:7).

### **3. A Bruised Face**

"And the men that held Jesus mocked him, and smote *him*. And when they had blindfolded him, they struck him on the face, and asked him, saying, Prophecy, who is it that smote thee? " (Luke 22:63-64); "I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting. " (Isa. 50:6).

### **4. A Hated Face**

"Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote *him* with the palms of their hands, " (Matt. 26:67).

### **5. A Hidden Face: Why?**

"And *there is* none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities." (Isa. 64:7); "In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer. " (Isa 54:8); "Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befall them; so that they will say in that day, Are not these evils come upon us, because our God *is* not among us? And I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evils which they shall have wrought, in that they are turned unto other gods. " (Deut. 31:17-18); "And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end *shall be*: for they *are* a very froward generation, children in whom *is* no faith. " (Deut. 32:20); "How many *are* mine iniquities and sins? make me to know my transgression and my sin. Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and holdest me for thine enemy?" (Job 13:23-24); "According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions have I done unto them, and hid my face from them. " (Ezek. 39:24); "Then shall they cry unto the LORD, but he will not hear them: he will even hide his face from them at that time, as they have

behaved themselves ill in their doings. " (Micah 3:4); "For if ye turn again unto the LORD, your brethren and your children *shall find* compassion before them that lead them captive, so that they shall come again into this land: for the LORD your God *is* gracious and merciful, and will not turn away *his* face from you, if ye return unto him. " (II Chron. 30:9).

### **6. A Face Against Them That Do Evil**

"For the eyes of the Lord *are* over the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord *is* against them that do evil. " (I Peter 3:12); "And I will set my face against that man, and will make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD. "(Ezek. 14:8); "And I will set my face against them; they shall go out from *one* fire, and *another* fire shall devour them; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I set my face against them. " (Ezek 15:7); "They are not humbled *even* unto this day, neither have they feared, nor walked in my law, nor in my statutes, that I set before you and before your fathers. Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will set my face against you for evil, and to cut off all Judah. " (Jer. 44:10-11); "And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people. " (Lev. 20:6).

### **7. A Face We Should Seek**

"*When thou saidst*, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek."(Ps. 27:8);" Seek the LORD, and his strength: seek his face evermore. "(Psa. 105:4); "Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually. " (1 Chron. 16:11);" I will go *and* return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early. " (Hosea 5:15); "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. " (II Chron. 7:14); "And they shall see his face; and his name *shall be* in their foreheads. "(Rev. 22:4); "And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: "(Rev. 6:15-16).

### **Our Prayer:**

"Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: save me for thy mercies' sake. " (Psa. 31:16);" Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; and teach me thy statutes. " (Psa. 119:135); "The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. " (Num. 6:24-26).