

THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM



HOPE & HYPOCRITES

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JOB 13:1-3, 9-12, 15-16 (NIV)

“My eyes have seen all this, my ears have heard and understood it. 2 What you know, I also know; I am not inferior to you. 3 But I desire to speak to the Almighty and to argue my case with God.

9 Would it turn out well if he examined you? Could you deceive him as you might deceive a mortal? 10 He would surely call you to account if you secretly showed partiality. 11 Would not his splendor terrify you? Would not the dread of him fall on you? 12 Your maxims are proverbs of ashes; your defenses are defenses of clay.

15 Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him; I will surely defend my ways to his face. 16 Indeed, this will turn out for my deliverance, for no godless person (KJV - “hypocrite”) would dare come before him!

1 JOHN 2:1-2 (NLT)

My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. 2 He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:12 (NKJV)

For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

NOTES

(THE STUFF THAT STICKS OUT TO ME)

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GOING DEEPER

(SOME IDEAS TO PUT IT INTO PRACTICE)

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

R Ghandi once said if it weren't for Christians, he'd be one. If you were able to sit down and have a cup of coffee with him, what would you say? Do you have any friends that feel that way?

Read Job 13:1-16. Job begins by saying that he knows the same things (v.1-2), but their words will fall like ash (v.12). How would you describe his hope (v.15)? What is the difference between Job and these "friends" he is speaking to?

Read 1 Corinthians 13:12. Who do we see when we look at in a mirror? What "reflection" is dim and murky in this verse? What are some ways that your reflection is a bit "murky?"

A VERSE TO MEMORIZE:

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TAKE A STEP:

Take a minute and think through some ways that your reflection of Jesus is a bit "murky." What's one area you can grow in or step you can take?

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GENERAL OFFERING

2023 Weekly Budget: \$10,187
Given April 23rd: \$8,690
Difference: (\$1,497)

2023 Annual Budget: \$529,724
2023 Budget YTD: \$162,992
2023 Given YTD: \$142,703
Difference: (\$20,289)

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BYC April 23rd: \$1,245
BYC YTD: \$40,284
BYC Total Given: \$362,777

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