

Refrigerator Notes 07 February 2016
'The Veil'
2 Corinthians 3.12, 4.2

1. In celebration of 'Black History Month', pastor reflected upon a poem written by Paul Dunbar, entitled 'We wear the mask'
2. The poem was tied to the morning scripture through 'human guile' and the 'veil' that is worn by Christians
3. I also used a line that Jim Carney made infamous in the movie 'The Mask', "Everyone wears a mask, Wendy, metaphorically speaking" - yes we do!
4. The aforementioned first three points were tied even further to the Psychologist Sigmund Freud, 'structure model of the Psyche, the id, ego and super-ego'.
5. Our id is the set of uncoordinated instinctual trends we love to follow, the ego is the organized realistic part of your psyche, which mediates between the id and the super-ego (your wants and desires) and the super-ego can stop one from doing crazy things that one's id want to do (one could refer to it as the policeman, provides moral instructions)
6. The point in all of this (prologue) was that it is the 'id' of our psyche that causes us to sin knowingly
7. Paul's second letter to the church of Corinth was to remind the faithful Christians, to continue to stay faithful and not be persuaded by the false prophets or people in the congregation who were causing chaos
8. Paul's letter was also to those who remained silent in the congregation knowing that false prophets were leading the people astray
9. Paul's intentions and intervention were to put the evil doers on notice that their hearts were being veiled in front of the people, but God knew their deceit and they would be punished
10. Paul's warning to those who followed knowingly, out of ignorance or not, would also be punished
11. Paul wanted the people to know that he and his disciples where not like Moses to withhold the truth from them
12. Simply put, Paul was about speaking the truth, 'God's Word' even if it meant that someone would find themselves in the desert like the Israelites
13. Paul's reminder of Moses was that of the scripture, "But their minds (Israelites) were made dull — even to this day, although people know the Word of God they refused to be obedient to the Word of God
14. God does not care about the masks that you wear before men — that will provide a measure of comfort, deceit and convenience, but God does care where you stand in difficult times when the devil is trying to sift you
15. Transformation only occurs when the Word of God is followed and only then can we be transfigured