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# Shattering Illusions



Most of us have willingly entered a house of illusions, perhaps at a carnival or some circus event. Perhaps we've walked into a house of mirrors and were suddenly faced with distortions of our senses. Even though we know that what we are seeing is an illusion, we are nonetheless subject to the illusion. It feels real. Our depth and motion perception is affected. Our brain misinterprets the information it is receiving and gives us a false image.

We often live in illusions, some conscious and many unconscious.

How often do you and I choose, willingly, to live in a house of illusions? We may refuse to face the truth about our finances or our weight or a diagnosis we've been given by the doctor. We may prefer a world of fantasies which require nothing of us relationally. We may choose to numb our reality through drugs, alcohol, pornography, shopping, gambling, etc.

Or we may refuse to face the truth about our personal history.

It's easy to do and can be much more comfortable than the truth. The problem is, however, that when we construct our world around our illusions, we are not living in the truth.

God instructed Isaiah to write to a rebellious lying people (Isaiah 30). These people basically had said to their spiritual leaders that they would prefer not to know the truth. They asked for the prophets and seers to speak and see what was comfortable, easy on their ears and hearts, "smooth things, deceits", and please, above all, do not confront them with the Holy One.

They wanted to live in their illusions.

While we may not have consciously stated that we would prefer to live in our illusions, the reality often is that we are living in some measure of illusion.

God is truth and by His very nature, is committed to shattering illusions. He will allow and/or orchestrate circumstances which will break our illusions into pieces so that we can know more of Him and His truth.

Pain is a masterful illusion-shatterer. There's nothing like pain to send us to our knees, prioritize our actions and thoughts, and break through our defenses.

C.S. Lewis said, "Pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our consciences, but shouts in our pain: it is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world."

When our illusions become bitter and no longer worth keeping, we find ourselves releasing our tight grip, opening our hearts and minds to whatever God may say. We become willing to be confronted by the Holy One. Our self-sufficiency is no longer sufficient.

Would you be willing to ask God to shatter your illusions? Are you hungry to live in the truth, even though the pathway to truth may be painful and will require you to give up the false things that prop you up? Are you willing to lean wholly on the Father?

When illusions shatter and truth shines forth into the darkest places of our hearts, God is at work. Truth is triumphing, and His Kingdom is coming in our lives.

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