

*"And he hasted, and took the ashes away from his face; and the king of Israel discerned him that he was **Of The Prophets**." 1 Kings 20:41 KJV*

In the Hebrew, a "prophet" is an "inspired one." Inspired comes from Latin; *inspirare*; inflame; blow into: Like a person blowing on a coal to ignite a fire. When a person dies, the term "expired" is used, meaning the breath leaves. Genesis records the beginning of life: *"And The LORD God Formed man of the dust of the ground, and Breathed Into his nostrils The Breath of Life; and man became A Living soul."* A "prophet" is "inspired" with *"the Spirit of Truth;"* proclaiming Truth. Whether past, present, or future, Truth Is Absolute And Eternal. *"Forever, O LORD, Thy Word Is Settled In Heaven."* This prophet



disguised himself with ashes, but when he cleaned his face, Ahab *"discerned him that he was one of the prophets."* Keeping our words *"unspotted from the world"* and its philosophy allows our *"Light"* Who Is Christ, The Truth, to shine, so men may *"glorify our Father Which Is In Heaven."* At Pentecost the crowd marveled at plain fishermen who spoke with authority. As a result, thousands believed and were saved. *"And the number of the men was about five thousand."* It was not the fishermen, but The Christ they preached that Convinced men to repent. When the *"ashes"* of worldly philosophy cling to a believer's words, it hides Truth from seeking souls. If we speak not the Pure Truth, our Light is *"hid under a bushel. If our Gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost."* Faith is the fulcrum the *"Spirit of Truth"* levers Truth to free men from eternal damnation. The hearing of the Word of God delivers the Gift of Faith to every hearing man *"Faith Cometh by hearing...the Word of God."* Obedience is evidence of *"hearing;"* the evidence of Faith. It is the *"evidence of things not seen."* The Apostle John put it this way; *"And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His Commandments. He that saith, 'I know Him,' and keepeth not His Commandments, is a liar, and the Truth is not in him."* If Truth fills your life, it will validate *"Christ in you, The Hope of Glory."* John adds, *"Whoso keepeth His Word, in him verily Is The Love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in Him."*

Do evil ashes on my face,  
Hide from men God's wondrous Grace?  
Or does my Light so shine to men,  
They gladly turn, repent of sin? –CGP

Like a pail in the ocean, believers are at once immersed in Christ and filled with Christ. A pail immersed in the ocean is invisible. Only the ocean is seen. Who do men see when they look at you? Does the "pail" of, self, become men's focus when the deal with you, or will they part from you knowing that you have *"been with Jesus?"* What ashes of worldliness hide your Light? Lighthouse lenses do not carry the light to sea, but focus and magnify the light, which carries hope to those lost at sea. The lenses are daily meticulously cleaned. Believers are the "lenses" that magnify Christ to men lost in sin. Keep your lens unspotted!

*"Set your affection on Things Above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your Life Is Hid With Christ In God. When Christ, Who Is our Life, Shall Appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in Glory. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things' sake the Wrath of God Cometh on the children of disobedience:" Colossians 3:2-6 KJV*