

*"And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And He Wrote Upon the Tables The Words of The Covenant, the Ten Commandments. And it came to pass, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the Two Tables of Testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the Mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of **His Face Shone** while He Talked with him. And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him." Exodus 34:28-30 KJV*



Believers are many times unaware of the effect their lives have on others. In the case of Moses, his closeness to God over an extended period Changed his appearance in a way of which he was unaware. *"His face shone and they were afraid to come nigh him."* You'll be shunned by the world if you stay close to God! *"If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I Have Chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you."* The closer you are to God, the more like Him you'll be and the lost world will respond to you the same way they did to Christ whom they crucified. *"Those that live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."* The sad thing is; the first folks most likely to persecute godliness are professing believers. More Christians suffer at the hands of their "brethren" than ever did by the world. The greatest resistance to Godliness is generally found in the Church, because Satan works harder there than anywhere. He goes to Church every Sunday. He already has control of those not in the Assembly. What he wants to do is destroy from within. With petty differences and wounded pride, he sows the seeds of envy and bitterness. *"Follow Peace with all men, and Holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: Looking diligently lest any man fail of the Grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled."* Be careful of those in the Assembly who play in the world and make excuses for it. I'm sure you've heard the words, "It's only human." Let me remind you, *"in [the] flesh dwelleth no good thing!"* And that applies to believers as well. To excuse evil because of fleshly failure is to *"regard iniquity,"* whether it be your own sin or another's. *"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord Will Not Hear me."* Tolerance of evil is to regard iniquity. Do not judge nor condemn the sinner, but *"speaking the Truth in Love,"* admonish repentance.

The shining face of Godliness,  
Reminds the world of righteousness,  
For those who humbly turn from sin,  
Will brightly shine before all men. –CGP

True friends build each other's faith. It may be Godliness is why you have no close friends. If that is the case, will you sacrifice your friendship with God for the friendship of men? Will evil defile you? Will you shun the Lover of your soul to please men? What man will answer your every prayer? Meet your every need? Love you unconditionally? Give you Eternal Life? God Hates fence-riders! *"I Know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I Would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I Will Spue thee out of My Mouth."*

*"Do ye think that the Scripture Saith in vain, 'The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy'? But He Giveth More Grace. Wherefore He Saith, 'God Resisteth the proud, but Giveth Grace unto the humble.' Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and He Will Draw Nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded." James 4:5-8 KJV*