The Veil: Divine Justice and Blindness

- How can He condemn those He has blinded?
- Divine justice, Israel, knowledge and mercy

Opening Questions

- What of those whose understanding is veiled?
- What of those who have never heard His Word?

Scripture Versus Assumptions

- Deuteronomy 31:6: He does not forsake His people
- Examine claims of permanent rejection

When Did Blindness Begin?

- Deuteronomy 9:23-24: rejection of faith
- Isaiah 6:9-10 predates Yeshua’s ministry

Judicial Hardening

- Deuteronomy 29:2-4: signs seen, perception lacking
- Speaker compares hardening with Pharaoh

Faith Before Full Sight

- Faithfulness when understanding is incomplete
- Distinguish obedience from ability to perceive

The Justice Question

- How can perfect justice coexist with blindness?
- Avoid claiming to know another person’s judgment

Abraham and Moses Ask

- Genesis 18:25: the Judge of all the earth
- Numbers 16:22: one person and a congregation

Job’s Question

- Job 10:3: why does suffering appear unjust?
- Human suffering and limited understanding

His Ways and His Mercy

- Isaiah 55:6-9 begins with repentance and pardon
- His ways exceed our ways

The Foundation of the Throne

- Deuteronomy 32:4: without injustice
- Psalm 89:14: justice, mercy and truth

The Song of the Lamb

- Revelation 15:3: just and true are His ways
- Trustworthy judgment, not human certainty

Romans 1: Knowledge

- Romans 1:18-21: creation and disclosed truth
- Truth suppressed in unrighteousness

Romans 2: Conscience

- Romans 2:12-16: with and without the law
- Conscience bears witness before the Judge

What Romans 2 Does Not Say

- The text still speaks of perishing and judgment
- Speaker’s proposal is an interpretive inference

Blindness in John 9

- John 9:39-41: claiming sight and responsibility
- A question of accountability in context

John 12 and Isaiah

- John 12:37-40: signs, unbelief and hardening
- Compare the quotation with Isaiah 6

Partial Hardening of Israel

- Romans 11:25-26: “in part” and “until”
- Corporate claims are not individual verdicts

Forgiveness Amid Ignorance

- Luke 23:34: Yeshua prays for forgiveness
- Acts 3:17-19: ignorance followed by repentance

Knowledge and Responsibility

- James 4:17: knowing good and not doing it
- 1 Timothy 1:13: mercy amid ignorance

Degrees of Accountability

- Luke 12:47-48: differing knowledge
- Study the parable's immediate setting

Grace Is His Prerogative

- Exodus 33:19: compassion and grace
- No human being determines the final verdict

Main Takeaways

- Justice and mercy belong together
- Spiritual hardening must be read in context
- Read explicit Scripture apart from inferences

Community Discussion

- Calling, conscience and increased responsibility
- Fellowship, compassion and Pakistan outreach

Finding the Ancient Path

- The Veil - How Can He Condemn Those who He Himself has Blinded?
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z5832IBh5Ws