

Faithful in Ministry

2 CORINTHIANS 4:1–18

**The Faithful in Ministry continue through
thick and thin looking beyond the
temporal to the eternal.**

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A. A look back, vv. 1–2

B. Proclaiming a veiled gospel, vv. 3–5


- Jesus, Satan is ***“The prince of this world.”***
- Paul, Satan is ***“The prince of the power of the air.”***
- Peter, Satan is, ***“your adversary the devil.”***

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C. But God commanded light to shine, v. 6; Gen. 1:2–4

 ***“The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light:
They that dwell in the shadow of death,
upon them has the light shined.”*** Isaiah 9:2

 ***“In Him was life and the life was the light of men. And the light
shines in the darkness and the darkness did not comprehend it.”*** John 1:4–5

 **See also Malachi 4:2; Luke 1:78–79; 2 Peter 1:19**

D. “*... to give light to the knowledge of the glory of God ...*” v. 6c

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II. This Treasure in Earthen Vessels, 2 Corinthians 4:7–15

**The greatest treasure on earth is placed in jars of clay
That *“the excellency of His power may be of God ...”***

A. The trials and the strengths of earthen vessels: vv. 8–11

B. Paradoxes of the physical and the spiritual, vv. 12–15

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III. Looking Beyond, 2 Corinthians 4:16–18

A. Don't lose heart. vv. 16–17

B. This age is momentary – an eternal weight of Glory is coming. v. 18