

# The Light and the Darkness

- Those walking in the Light:
- *For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and divine nature, so that they are without excuse, Rom. 1:20-23*
- Those walking in the Darkness
- *Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures... 25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. God Rom 1:22-25*
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# Realm of spiritual atrophy for a Christian

- *because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful*
- We can call this the twilight.
- The place where one can move back into the light or further into the darkness.
- *but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.*
- Gratitude is fading ... His glory is diminished ... it is getting harder and harder to see and hear Him.
- This is the realm of spiritual atrophy for the Christian.

# Realm of a Possible Return for the Sinner

- *you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them, 16 who in bygone generations allowed all nations to walk in their own ways. 17 Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness." Acts 14:15-17*
- These are the people who are still reachable.
- The ones who see this witness and the good He is doing. They are giving God thanks and glory ... though only dimly for they are in the twilight.

# The Path back to the Light

- *The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. 2 Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. 3 There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard. 4 Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. Ps. 19:1-4*
- In the realm of evangelism, these are our best witnesses.
- Returning the glory of God into their hearts.
- *"You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created." Rev. 4:11*

# Where are we... Light or Twilight?

- *For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead,*
- If this is vibrant and clear we are in the light.



# In the Light

- *This is my Father's world: ... and to my listening ears all nature sings... I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees and skies and seas... the birds their carols raise, the morning light, the lily white declare their makers praise... .. In the rustling grass I hear Him pass He speaks to me everywhere...*

# Those Still Firmly in the Light

*O Lord my God!*

*When I in awesome wonder*

*Consider all the worlds thy hands have made*

*I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder*

*Thy power throughout the universe displayed*

*Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee*

*How Great Thou Art*

*How Great Thou Art!*



# Still Firmly in the Light

- *Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: 3 Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, 4 Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, 5 Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. Ps 103:1-5*



# The Strong Emotions of those in the Light

- *giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Eph. 5:20*
- *Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. Heb. 13:15*
- As long as these are our thoughts and emotions, we are firmly in the light and safe from the dangers posed by the darkness.
- There are several key verses that must always be in the forefront of our mind to counteract the wiles of Satan.

# In The Beginning...



God *created* the heavens  
and the earth... Gen. 1:1

# The Heavens



*declare* the glory of  
God Ps 19:1-3

# His Invisible Attributes



*clearly seen* in the things  
that are made. Rom. 1:20



# As Knowledge Grows so does Awe

- The telescope, microscope and camera have increased our understanding of the creation.
- National Geographic reveals amazing things from the microscopic to the gigantic.
- As we go under the sea, to the arctic, out into space and into all the world.
- Beauty, symmetry, complexity, diversity etc.
- God should be receiving great glory / praise!

# Satan's Way to Short Circuit

- *because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man — and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. Rom 1:21-23*



# Enter Evolution & "Mother Nature"

- Instead of giving God the glory, it evaporates.
- Science attributes it all to Nature.
- Dictionary: "Nature" is — *"the personification of all natural facts and forces."*
- Science: All the *"natural facts and forces"* of God's creation are a person: *Mother Nature.*
- *changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image* (Not a graven one ... just a concept in the mind that leads men away from God's glory

# 21<sup>st</sup> Century way to Suppress Truth

- *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. Rom 1:18-20*



# The End of this Suppression

● *Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits:*

● *3 Who forgives all your iniquities,                      No Sin only choices*

● *Who heals all your diseases,                                      Doctor*

● *4 Who redeems your life from destruction,                      Insurance*

● *5 Who satisfies your mouth with good things,                      Nature*

● *Ps 103:1-5*

# Removing God from His Creation



- In attributing this to Mother Nature they seek to make God invisible.
- *Because that, knowing God, they glorified him not as God, neither gave thanks; but became vain in their reasoning, and their senseless heart was darkened.*
- Those who no longer think of God as Creator no longer feel a need to thank him.