

Darkness and Light – In this Creation – A Parable

- *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2The earth was formless and void, and **darkness** was over the surface of the deep Gen 1:1 Then God said, "**Let there be light**" and there was **light**. 4 God saw that the light was good; and **God separated the light from the darkness**. 5 God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. Gen 1:3-5*
- Light brings color, texture, knowledge, understanding

Spiritual Darkness and Light – More Complex

- *This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that **God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.** 1 John 1:5-6*
- *In Him was life, and **the life was the light of men.** 5 And **the light shines in the darkness**, and the darkness did not comprehend it. Jn 1:4*
- *Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "**I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.**" Jn 8:12*
- What light does in the material creation
- All God revealed is light coming down from heaven.
- Jesus is the essence of the spiritual light of God.

Spiritual Darkness and Light

● *And this is the condemnation, that **the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.** 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.* “

● The revelations Jesus brought from heaven:

● Brought light and truth back into the world.

● Jesus revealed things exactly as they are.

● Man had millennia to twist and pervert things:

● *Woe to those who **call evil good, and good evil;***

● ***Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness;***

● ***Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!** Isa 5:20*

Spiritual Darkness and Light

- *Then Jesus said to them, "A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. 36 While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light. Jn 12:35-36*
- God lives in eternal light.
- He created man to walk in that eternal light
- Satan introduced darkness into the world by twisting God's word allowing man to rebel without fear.
- In this darkness man has created lusts of delight, pleasure and satisfaction.
- When the light dispels it, the opportunity arises to leave the darkness and return to eternal light.

Spiritual Darkness and Light

- *Then Jesus cried out and said, "He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. 45 And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me. 46 I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness. 47 And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. 48 He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him — the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day Jn. 12:44-49*
- *As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." John 9:5*

God is Light

- His Word contains the revelation of Eternal Light
- If we want to live in eternity we must leave darkness
- Accept all that is in Scripture as God's ways
- Our thoughts and emotions, standard of good and evil; light and darkness, convictions based on: Truth can only be found in God's word.
- Restore the divine image, likeness and nature by exchanging all we once knew for what Jesus has revealed that we must know.
- All that is in this world is not reality... Temporary
- On the day of Judgment to be judged by light.
- Must walk in light here to walk in light there.
- To walk in darkness means we will be cast into eternal darkness there.

If we leave God we leave Light

- *For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they **became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.** 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, Rom 1:21-23*
- *The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Rom 13:12*

Light has been placed in Scripture

- *Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. 7
Therefore do not be partakers with them. 8
For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light*

Those the god of this Age has Blinded

- *But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. 5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. 6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Cor 4:3-6*

The Armor of Light

- *The **night is far spent, the day is at hand.** Therefore let us **cast off the works of darkness,** and let **us put on the armor of light.** 13 Let us **walk properly, as in the day,** not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.*
Rom. 13:12-14

Jesus Sent Paul to bring Light

- *So I said, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 16 But rise and stand on your feet; for **I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you. 17 I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, 18 to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.**' Acts 26:15-18*

Light has always been in Scripture

- *Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way. 105 **Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.** 106 I have sworn and confirmed That I will keep Your righteous judgments. Ps. 119:104-106*
- ***For the commandment is a lamp, And the law a light; Reproofs of instruction are the way of life,** Pr. 6:23*
- ***the path of the just is like the shining sun, That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day. 19 The way of the wicked is like darkness; They do not know what makes them stumble. Pr. 4:18-19***

We are Not in Darkness

- *But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. 5 **You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.** 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. 1 Th. 5:4-7*