

Removal of Darkness

Light always involves the removal of darkness. When I asked the Lord what He wanted to say today, He led me to this verse;

“The people which sat in darkness saw great Light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death Light is sprung up” Matthew 4:12

Light and darkness are prominent themes in the gospels and in the teaching of our Lord. The symbols of light and darkness are not just in the New Testament. They are found throughout the Old Testament and are drawn on repeatedly in the New Testament.

There are different areas in our lives where darkness tries to influence us and that’s what the Lord wants to talk about today. Light has a way of exposing what darkness tends to conceal. Dallas Willard states: "Almost all evil deeds and intents are begun with the thought that they can be hidden by deceit."

Light and darkness are dramatically presented in the opening sentences of the Bible (Genesis 1:1-4) with God’s pronouncement in Genesis 1:4, “that the light was good.” Light’s purpose always brings God’s order. Without His Light, darkness can overtake us. Paul writes how the progressive development of the true "Light" driving out the darkness from within (John 8:12).

Whenever you begin to move toward His Light in an area of your life, His Light will expose the darkness. Paul frequently employs the imagery of light and darkness in his preaching and in his epistles (Acts 13:47; 26:22-23; Romans 13:11-14; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; 6:14-18; 11:13-15; Colossians 1:9-14; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; 1 Timothy 6:13-16). [Click here to read Bible verse](#)

The darkness I am referencing exists in many different ways around us and within us. No one willingly sits in darkness. No one willingly embraces darkness as their friend. Can I be honest? Darkness is all around us and the only way to not let it influence us to keep walking in His light.

Here are just a few ways darkness operates in us or around us (there are more only there too many list them all):

- Selfish ambitions or demanding our own way
- Isolation
- Pride
- Hidden sin
- Unforgiveness
- Bitterness
- Doubt
- Unbelief that God will not do what He said He would
- Fear
- Lack of trust
- Control

Paul speaks of the Christian’s lifestyle as a “walk as children of light” (5:7-14). If we are to walk in a manner that is consistent with our calling, Paul instructs that we are to live as those who are “children of Light.”

The kingdom of darkness is built on lies and the darkness hides it. Did you know darkness requires the absence of Light to survive? Once His Light hits the darkness, we have His promise to drive the darkness out.

Today the Lord wants to shine His Light into some areas of your life. His Light produces in men all that is good and right and true. There are things within you that need His Light to drive our darkness. The good news is that when His Light has dawned within you, you can walk by the Light of God.

God's Light is capable of showing within each one everything for what it really is. God's Light makes it possible to turn the thing it shines upon into Light, and His Light will always lead you away from the darkness. Friends, Light will always triumph over darkness.

Let's move toward Him and leave the darkness behind.

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Heavenly Father,

I thank you for Your Presence. I ask that You would open those closed chambers of my heart, those places I am unaware of. I ask you to expose them to Your light.,that by Your Spirit You would drive out any areas of darkness. (pause and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the hidden things of your heart to you). Lord, I ask You, and You alone, to touch those broken, wounded or dark places of my heart. Oh God, where I am blind to my own sin, restore me and show me the way. Where I have come into agreement with the enemy, expose the lies I have embraced. Where the enemy oppresses me or hinders me from a deeper relationship with You, release me from his snares. I ask that You heal me. I ask that You free me and grant me complete freedom in areas of my life that have not yet been captured by Your great love. Only You can bring healing to the hidden places of my heart and I invite You, Holy Spirit, to change me until I am conformed to the image of Christ.

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