

## God is Light

*If I say “surely darkness shall fall on me” even the night shall be light about me. Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, but the night shines as does the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to you...” (Psalm 139:11-16)*

Jesus tells us that men love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil. Evil men think that if they can succeed in so corrupting the world morally, if they silence gospel truth, if they can drive sanity and sound thinking from men’s minds, the light of truth which makes them so uncomfortable will be snuffed out, and that they may then comfortably wallow in wanton sin. They foolishly think that if they can get rid of light they will be rid of God.

Not so! To get rid of light, one must get rid of God, for God *is* light and in Him is no darkness at all (I Jn.1:5). Where God is, light is. There will be no need of a lighting system in the Holy City, the New Heaven and New Earth, for the Lamb is there, and He is the light.

Darkness is a phenomena that affects only mortal creatures who live in a sin-cursed earth, and are limited by carnal senses. The prince of darkness, with his thick darkness, however, cannot stop or hinder God’s creating and redemptive work. Nor does He need lanterns or flashlights to accomplish His work and purpose. Darkness and light are the same to Him.

There is no darker place on earth than a mother’s womb where the business of fashioning the most fearfully and wonderfully made being of all creation goes on. God does it all in the dark!

The eyes of the Almighty beheld our substance before it was yet formed. Every minute detail of our skeletal frame was beheld and fashioned in the secret chamber of the womb.

Will we not believe God when what may be known of His glory is so vividly manifest in ourselves (Rom.1:19)? The anatomy from head to toes thunders out His majesty. No machine can begin to compete with the versatility of man’s joints, limbs, fingers, toes, the flexibility of the whole frame. The maneuverability and efficiency of our ambulatory system cannot be even vaguely imitated by man’s most sensitive and complex machines of locomotion. The senses, of which we know so little (they are far more than sight, hearing, smelling, tasting and feeling) are deep dark mysteries to us. The electrical system, connected with endless miles of circuitry, regulating the interaction of the brain with every need and eventuality of the whole person is unsearchable. To say nothing of the chemical plant God built in that converts dead food to living cells, energy, nutrition, moods and thoughts. Then God gave the body its ability to fight invaders, diseases, injuries, and to heal and renew itself. All of this and unspeakably much, much more, God did in the dark, fashioning each individual unlike no other, hidden from anyone’s view but Himself.

If nothing else should constrain us, if we ignore the signal blessings, the joys and comforts, the protection and care of God over our lives, even if we cannot grasp the wonder of God redeeming us from our sins in the suffering of His beloved Son, we still ought to praise God, just because we are fearfully and wonderfully made...in the dark.

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