



Darkness and Light - Part I

In this series, I am going to show you different spiritual laws governing darkness and light. There is a realm, an existence, a destination called "darkness." It has existed at least since the fall of man, even earlier, since the fall of Lucifer. Darkness is real, tangible, avoidable, beneficial and detrimental, and for some, sought after. Christians are taught to avoid the things that come from darkness. They are taught to live in "light." There is also a realm, an existence, a destination called "light." I'd like to show you some things about the realm of darkness so that you can establish more concreteness in your understanding of the Christian walk. *To many, darkness is merely an abstract.*



It shouldn't be. Let's gain a better understanding by studying the many sides of darkness in the Word of God.

Gen.1

[2] And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

We know from verse two that darkness existed prior to our present earth being re-formed.

Notice in verse two that the earth

existed? Also, notice that it was without form. It was void of life. But it did exist ... in darkness. Darkness was upon the face of the deep. The deep refers to the waters surrounding outer space and beyond. No light existed in the deep.

Gen.1

[3] And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. [4] And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. [5] And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

When God decided to re-form the earth, the first thing He did was

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bring light back into existence. Now, light was upon the face of the deep. Both light and darkness are entities. They are substances and can be manipulated. They are divided. Where one exists, the other cannot, although they do exist beside each other.

Gen.1

[16] And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.

[17] And God set them in the firmament [expanse or space] of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

[18] And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.

One of the main reasons the two great lights were placed in the expanses of space was to divide light from darkness. There is light at night. God made sure of that

with the two great lights in the heavens. Light always rules over darkness. Even in these situations, light and darkness remain divided.

Division between light and darkness is good in God's eyes.

2Cor.6

[14] Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

When God divided light and darkness, he made it so that the two simply cannot commune or fellowship together. They don't get along, they don't understand each other, and they are as separate from each other as is righteousness and unrighteousness. We've just learned of some very powerful spiritual laws that cannot be broken. God used these laws

when setting up the parameters of light and darkness. They are still in effect today. These laws rule over all aspects of both light and darkness. *Light always rules over darkness, both physically and spiritually.* Understanding

this law will help you remove any fear of darkness. What does God do with darkness?

GOD'S USE OF DARKNESS

God uses darkness to benefit His works.

Deut.5

[22] These words the LORD spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice: and he added no more. And he wrote them in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me.

And

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2Sam.22

[10] He bowed the heavens also, and came down; and darkness was under his feet.

[12] And he made darkness pavilions round about him, dark waters, and thick clouds of the skies.

And ...

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[2] Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne.

And ...

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[11] He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.

Darkness existed even in the midst of fire. God uses darkness

for His purposes. *Not all darkness represents*

evil. In the above four accounts, we see that God used darkness to conceal Him. He made darkness His secret place. He used thick darkness, darkness under His feet, pavilions of darkness, and dark waters.

But God has no evil in Him even though He uses darkness like this. The evil use of darkness is an example of how the devil counterfeits things in God's creation. God uses darkness to conceal Him; now the devil uses darkness too, but for evil. The devil is also concealed in darkness, but there is a difference. The devil has no light in him, only darkness.

He's a thief. *He stole darkness and uses it illegally.*

1John.1

[5] This then is the message which we have heard of him, and

declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

God is light!

When Jesus died, God used darkness over an entire land.

Matt.27

[45] Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.

There was no light for three hours. This was an amazing experience.

Can you imagine? *There was no one who was not completely and absolutely aware of the death of Jesus.* No

one then was able to forget that darkness, and no one then was able to forget the light that followed that darkness. Light always rules over darkness, and darkness can never overcome light. Darkness can take on many different forms.

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TANGIBLE ATTRIBUTES OF DARKNESS

Darkness can become tangible. Tangible refers to form. God gave it the capability of tangibility and these attributes exist to this very day.

Feeling Attributes

Exod.10

[21] And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, *even darkness which may be felt.*

[22] And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days:

Exodus shows us that darkness may be felt and that it can become thick. For something like this to happen, God has to allow it. Man cannot do this on his own, nor can

satan.

Works Attributes

Rom.13

[12] The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore *cast off the works of darkness*, and let us put on the armour of light.

Hidden Attributes

1Cor.4

[5] Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light *the hidden things of darkness*, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

Binding Attributes

2Pet.2

[4] For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but

cast them down to hell, and delivered them into *chains of darkness*, to be reserved unto judgment;

Attribute of Mist

2Pet.2

[17] These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the *mist of darkness* is reserved for ever.

Seizing Attribute

Job.3

[6] As for that night, *let darkness seize upon it*; let it not be joined unto the days of the year, let it not come into the number of the months.

Pursuing Attribute

Nah.1

[8] But with an overrunning flood he will make an utter

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end of the place thereof,
and *darkness shall pursue his enemies.*

Doesn't this make for a grand mind picture? Darkness spreading out over the land, pursuing the enemies. That's better than any man-made guns or weapons.

Thinking Attribute

John .1

[4] In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

[5] And the light shineth in darkness; and the *darkness comprehended it not.*

Darkness and light are so distinctly different, existing on totally different planes. When the light of Jesus Christ showed up on the scene, darkness simply could not figure it (the light of Christ) out. Amazing!

Attention Attribute

John.3

[19] And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and *men loved darkness rather than light,* because their deeds were evil.

Darkness compels evil men to love it. They are drawn to it and end up serving it. Darkness demands attention.

Color Attribute

Jude.1

[13] Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the *blackness of darkness* for ever.

Darkness is black! Darkness can be contrasted to many different things biblically.

DARKNESS CONTRASTED

BLINDNESS

Blindness and darkness are often found together.

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[23] Let their *eyes be darkened,* that they see not; and make their loins continually to shake.

Not being able to see is a form of darkness.

Deut.28

[29] And thou shalt grope at noonday, as *the blind gropeth in darkness,*

If you think about what it would be like to be blind, you can more easily visualize darkness. To a blind person, it means that he cannot see anything, even in the midst of light.

And ...

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Acts.13

[11] And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him **a mist and a darkness;** and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.

When Elymas the sorcerer lost his sight, a mist and a darkness fell on him. God put Elymas in the ravages of darkness for a short time. This needed to be done in order to help others believe and become born again. ***When people are covered in darkness (mentally and spiritually), they cannot see physically or spiritually as appropriate.*** He was so incapacitated that Elymas needed someone to lead him by the hand.

Prov.4

[19] The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.

Can you imagine? Darkness is something that overcomes a place or thing, but a person's ways can also be dark (wicked). So, it is important to separate the two situations: that which is without a person and that which is within a person. Additionally, spiritual and physical separation are important because darkness can affect a person in both areas.

UPRIGHTNESS

In terms of how a person lives, uprightness and darkness are often contrasted.

Prov.2

[13] Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;

HATE AND LIGHT

Hate and light are also contrasted. Hate is darkness in manifestation.

1John.2

[9] He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.

UNDERSTANDING

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[9] He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness was under his feet.
[11] He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.
[28] For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.

Only God and His Word can work effectively against the darkness of the spiritual realm. This is referring to one's understanding.

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God's Word can enlighten your understanding.

Eph.4

[18] Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

People who are alienated from God's life have a blinded heart. They are ignorant of the things of God and their understanding is darkened. Sounds like a very bad state of affairs!

I'll end Part I here, and next month, pick up again with more contrasting aspects of darkness.

Much love in Christ,

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End of Part 1