



Light & Darkness

What God Has NOT Joined Together (8)

Introduction

- We are continuing our 2026 theme.
- After addressing some doctrinal issues, our last 2 lessons have focused on things that may affect us.
God and mammon, and the wisdom of man and the wisdom of God.
- Today, we present a 3rd lesson – Light and Darkness



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What is Light and Darkness

- We are not addressing physical light and darkness.
- Though that deserves recognition – **Gen. 1:1-3**
- What God did physically He also accomplished spiritually.

What is Light?

- Spiritually, it represents everything associated with God & His ways.
- **1 John 1:5** - *God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.*
- Light represents truth, God's presence and guidance. It represents what is good and spiritually wise. Also, the removal of spiritual darkness.

What is Light?

- **John 8:12, 9:5** – *“I am light of the world”*
- **John 1:6-9** – how John introduced Jesus
- **Psalm 119:105, 130; Proverbs 6:23** - *For the commandment is a lamp, And the law a light; Reproofs of instruction are the way of life*

What is Light?

- **2 Corinthians 4:6**, *God commanded light to shine out of darkness...*
- **James 1:17** – *every good and perfect gift is from above...*
- **Colossians 1:12** – *giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the saints in the light.*
- **Revelation 21:23, 22:5** – *descriptive of that which is in heaven.*

What is Darkness?

- Darkness is that which has no light. It represents sin, evil, separation from God, death and Satan himself. The “wisdom of man” is the product of the influence of darkness
- **Ephesians 5:8** – describes one before he obeys the gospel
- **1 John 1:5-7** – if we say we have fellowship with God and walk in darkness, we lie...
- **2 Corinthians 11:14-15** – Satan transforms himself into an angel of light and so do his ministers

What is Darkness?

- **John 3:19-21** – the Light came into the world and men loved darkness rather than light. Those living in darkness and evil hate the light
- **Luke 22:53** – Jesus speaking to the council after his arrest in the garden
- **Matthew 8:12** – descriptive of hell – outer darkness. (also **22:13, 25:30**)

Light and Darkness are NOT compatible

- Darkness is the absence of light (which is also a scientific description). Conversely, light is the REMOVAL of darkness
- When you introduce light into a space, darkness is displaced. The greater the light, the greater the exposure of what WAS darkness.
- Conversely, you CANNOT introduce darkness to light. The only way darkness overcomes light is to reduce or extinguish it.

Light and Darkness are NOT compatible

- **Matthew 6:22-23** – the lamp of the body is the eye... if the light is darkness, how great is that darkness (it is about what you expose yourself to). **Cf. Matthew 15:18-20**
- **Isaiah 5:20** – Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness...
- **1 John 1:5** – If we say we have fellowship with God and walk in darkness...
- **2 Corinthians 6:14** – what communion (fellowship) has light with darkness?

We are to be lights in this world

- **Matthew 5:14-16** – Jesus addressing our example. YOU are the light of the world. How?
- As the moon reflects the light of the sun, so we reflect the light of the Son **Cf. Malachi 4:2**
John 12:36 – we are called “sons of light”
(1 Thess. 5:5) – He is the light we are reflecting.
- Do not hide it!
- Let your life reflect the light you are shining (good works).
- **Ephesians 5:8-14** – walk as children of light, expose the unfruitful works of darkness WITH our light.

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- We must not let the darkness influence us
Luke 16:8 – in the parable of the unjust steward Jesus noted, ... *the sons of this world are more shrewd (worldy wise) in their generation than the sons of light.*
Cf. Matthew 10:16, 1 Peter 5:8
- **John 12:35-36** – Walk while you have the light, lest the darkness overtake you.
- **1 Thessalonians 5:4-7** – as sons of light, we are no longer walking in darkness (as we used to walk). At night, “dark things” happen.

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- **Romans 13:12-13** – *The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.*

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- We are called to proclaim His praises
- **1 Peter 2:9** – *But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;*
A part of letting our light shine is sharing it with others.
- **Philippians 2:15** – We shine as lights in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation.
- **Matthew 10:27**, “*Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops.*”

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- We are to walk in the light even as He is in the light.
- **1 John 1:7**— Our daily walk (manner of life) is about imitating Him. He is the one we are to put on — **Romans 13:14**. It is HIS light we are reflecting!

This is the basis of our fellowship with Him (and with one another — **1 John 1:3**)

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- We must love one another
- **1 John 2:10** – *He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him.*
- Be reminded of our fellowship with one another. In a world greatly influenced by the darkness, we need each other!

Concluding thoughts

- Truly, God has NOT joined together light and darkness!
- Yet how often does man want to join them together believing that whatever you want to do is acceptable to God? Or His definition of a good person is replaced with our definition.
- WHEN this life is over, we will stand before God in judgment (**John 5:28-29**). The path we have chosen will determine whether we will dwell with Him in unapproachable light or outer darkness.



**Are you choosing the path
of darkness
or light?**

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