

The Parable of Light and Darkness

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Darkness and Light

- *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 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.*
- *6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9 That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. Jn 1:4-8*

Contrast of Two Domains

- The world where God lives – All is light
- Everyone does God's Will
- A realm of knowledge and Truth
- A domain of love and good.
- An eternal realm where God who is love is reigning over those who follow His ways.
- This world is different. It is a world of darkness where God's will has been suppressed and forgotten
- *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. Rom 1:18-20*

Foundation of the Parable

- *The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep*
Gen 1:2
- *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*

Darkness and Light

- Genesis is not a difficult concept to grasp.
- It would be if we did not live in it.
- But we see light and dark every day and we know the difference immediately.
- The concept in John is much more difficult.
- God is light in Him is no darkness
- Jesus is the light of men
- John came to witness that Jesus was light

Israel Had Been Trained

- *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*

Darkness and Light

- God's Word is the receptacle that held the light until Jesus came.
- Jesus was the Light of the world while here.
- God's Word is the receptacle that holds the light after Jesus left.
- All ignorance, rebellion, suppression, superstition, prejudice and hardening lead to and come of dark:
- *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! 21
Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, And
prudent in their own sight! Isa 5:20-21*

A Light that can be Seen

- Was His life and His teaching (perfect congruity)
- *This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. 20 "For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. 21 "But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God." John 3:19-21*
- All Jesus did reflected the light of God into this world of darkness. *"Blessed if we don't stumble."*

Jesus - The Light of the World

- *Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life." John 8:12*
- *"While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world." John 9:5-6*
- All that Jesus did and taught was the light.
- As long as He was in the world the light could only emanate from Him and "reflected" from His disciples.

Jesus - The Light of the World

- *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." John 12:35-36*
- As Jesus prepared to leave this world of darkness and despair,

Jesus - The Light of the World

- *And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: 15 "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: 16 The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." Mt 4:13-16*

Jesus put The Light in His Word

- *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*

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Light from Scripture Now in Us

- *8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), 10 finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. 13 But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. 14 Therefore He says: Eph 5:8-16*

Light from Scripture Now in Us

- *"Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light." 15 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, 16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 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. Eph 5:8-16*

God Called us

- *you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 1 Peter 2:9-10*

● *The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, when your eye is good, your whole body also is full of light. But when your eye is bad, your body also is full of darkness. 35 Look therefore that the light which is in you is not darkness. Lk. 11:34-35*

● *"The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. 23 But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! Mt. 6:22-23*