



## Darkness and Light



In these following three verses, God moved three times. All of heaven and the earth were created with God's first recorded movement. The earth and its inhabitants perished with God's second movement. *The earth's deliverance hinged upon the third movement of God and your deliverance from darkness does too.*

Let's learn what it means when God said, "Let there be light!"

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 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. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. (Genesis 1:1-3)

These are three of the most fantastic, yet ignored, verses in the Bible! God created the heavens and the earth. Sometime later, this great creation became (that's the meaning of the word "was") without form and void. When this happened, God's creation became dark. All light was removed. Then we are privileged to read of God's third recorded movement –

the Spirit of God moved upon the faces of the waters.

His first action was to create the heavens and the earth. These heavens and this earth still exist, albeit in a changed form. We know this because the earth became without form and void. Something caused it to become all broken up.

For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: (2 Peter 3:5-6)

Peter tells us what "without form and void" means. He said that the

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earth was standing out of the water and in the water. Can you imagine this? The beautiful creation of God, the earth, was all shattered with rocks and earth jutting in and out of the water.

If you remember, Lucifer, an angel-has-been who used to be second only to God, tried to become God. A great battle ensued, and God eventually kicked him out of his position and out of heaven. This happened between the original creation and when the earth became without form and void.

And his [the devil's] tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: . . . . (Revelation 12:4)

This split among the angelic ranks in heaven was so great because Lucifer, now called the devil, took one third of the angels with him.

The battle, the division, the

heavenly break-up, was so great, that God rendered the earth useless.

This is God's second, recorded movement. *The earth was the battleground for this great battle. Just like today, the devil then wanted to rule over the earth and its people.*

This exemplifies the greatest form of treason, something we call "high treason." Did you know that the only crime listed in the US Constitution is treason? The effects of this battle were so detrimental, so far-reaching, that God ensured that all reasons for it were squelched.

*Many think that the flood recorded in Genesis, the one centering on Noah and his family, was the first flood. It was not.*

God used a similar flood to bring things back into balance countless years before. He flooded the earth,

causing it to perish. This was the first flood.

If people don't have the ability to stand against the devil, only God can rectify the eventual, resulting chaos. There are two accounts of the entire earth being completely flooded to accomplish this. Another flood of this nature will never happen.

Genesis fantastically proclaims that God covered the entire earth and surrounding deep [waters surrounding our solar system] in darkness. Knowing that the earth and surrounding area was the battleground for this cataclysmic battle, and knowing that God made it all dark, very dark, He subdued His opponents with this darkness. The enemies of God were forced into darkness, and were forced to survive using darkness. From this moment forth, God's enemy could do nothing against God because of the darkness. Since the earth

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was flooded, causing it to perish, nothing worthy of battle remained. Another way to look at it is, “the battle was put in abeyance.” It was as if the pause button was pushed on the DVD player. I say “abeyance” because the devil was still fighting mad and wanted revenge. *The devil and his fallen angels were cast down to the earth to remain in darkness until the Spirit of God moved upon the faces of the waters.*

We’ve learned:

- God created the heavens and the earth.
- There was a great battle between God and the devil.
- The devil lost and took one third of the angels with him.
- The battleground was the earth.
- The devil wanted control of the earth and its people.

· God removed the impetus for the battle by breaking up the earth in water.

· God finally covered the earth with water, causing it and all of its inhabitants to perish.

· The devil wanted to control the earth then, just like he wants to now.

The third recorded movement of God is “the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.” It is only the spirit of God’s movements that can nullify the darkness He invoked. God made a decision to not destroy the devil and those fallen angels. He also made a decision to subdue them with darkness. The state of darkness remained for many years. Scientists speculate perhaps millions. We don’t know the exact time span because the Bible doesn’t tell us, but we do know that it happened.

Today, the devil uses darkness as his tool to subdue and destroy. He

learned to counterfeit God’s power, misusing it to the nth degree, bringing about his gains. Light is a power. Darkness is a power. God powerfully uses light and darkness. The devil uses counterfeit light and counterfeit darkness. This devil will be subdued permanently one day in the future, not by water or darkness, but by fire.

God nullified the shrouding darkness by speaking light into existence. “And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.” God’s light is the only true counter to the form of darkness He used to subdue the devil. When you need deliverance from the devil’s form of darkness, you need God’s light. *Even in it’s most diluted form, God’s light is ALWAYS more powerful than the greatest darkness of the enemy.* God used light

to deliver the earth. We can use God’s light at any time, but we

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must be willing to use it, knowing that we can at any time.

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. From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. (Matthew 4:16-17)

People still sit in darkness today. Only the light of God's Word can release them from this darkness. God's Word is light, the same light that it was when God said, "let there be light!" In order to dispel darkness, speak God's Word, shining light into an otherwise dark situation.

If thy whole body therefore be full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light. (Luke 11:36)

God's Word is one of the most powerful forms of light that you are currently allowed to experience. You must make sure that there is no darkness in you, even if you have some of the light of God's Word in you too. You do this by studying God's Word and making it your own. You make sure that the doctrine you believe is truly biblical. *If you can't document it line by line and word by word, walk away from it. If you don't, you believe and practice some amount of darkness.* Many well-meaning Christians, full of doctrine and practice, still need to be checked. Take what they are saying and doing and prove it with God's Word. If you don't, you stand to be fooled. All spiritual forms of darkness, forms that we have to deal with today, are from the devil. He uses counterfeit darkness to subdue people.

Since the time of Malachi (the last Old Testament Prophet), there was again darkness on the earth, but not the kind God used after the great battle. This darkness remained until John the Baptist. John preached the kingdom of heaven (the coming of Jesus Christ), and Jesus Christ preached it too. It was this introduction of light that worked to dispel the darkness under which mankind was placed.

And this is the condemnation [judgment], that light is come into the world [Jesus Christ came], and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God. (John 3:19-21)

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If you do truth, then you can come to the truth, the light of God seen through the life and acceptance of Jesus Christ. You ought to be working “good deeds,” deeds that will be made manifest as godly deeds!

Jesus Christ is the light of God, and it is through Christ we receive this most necessary light.

*Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. (John 8:12)*

When Jesus Christ walked on the earth, he was the light in manifestation. When he left, he took that light with him, well almost.

*Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon*

*you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them. (John 12:35-36)*

What do I mean by “almost?” On Pentecost, when the gift of holy spirit was poured out from heaven, man could have the light of Christ once again, but this time it was implemented differently. When Jesus was here, his life and words were light, and when people received him, they partook of Christ’s light.

*After Pentecost, when a person receives Christ, he actually has the light of God in Christ in him! This is fantastic!* Before Pentecost,

no man had Christ inside. Today, all born again Christians have Christ inside of them. That’s called being flooded with LIGHT

on the inside.

*I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. (John 12:46)*

Abiding refers to your lifestyle. While you may have Christ in you, you may also live the devil’s lifestyle outwardly. Pretty scary, but true. How many people do you know who are definitely Christians, but can’t manage a peaceful human transaction if their life depended on it? They can’t communicate properly, they can’t say anything without hurting someone, and they are mean, hurtful, and even violent.

Yet they have Christ in them. *You can be born again, but still abide in darkness. Don’t do it.*

*To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may*



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receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. (Acts 26:18)

Here's our job. We turn people from darkness to light and from the power of satan unto God. The devil is satan. No matter the name, they are both bad, bad, bad! *In a black and white scenario, you abide only on one side at any given moment.* For whom do you work? What godly works do you do? What evil works do you do? Can you evaluate yourself to determine this? How well are you received by others? Do others – or yourself reject you? Many people's lives are so miserable that they not only feel rejected by others, they feel as if they hate themselves also.

When and where you have such emotional upheavals, you have darkness. The life and lifestyle of

a godly Christian is supposed to be peaceful and powerful, always in control of the darkness surrounding him at any given moment. God's third recorded movement is when he lifted the darkness vale by speaking light back into being – "Let there be light!" If and when you are approached by the darkness of this world, you, too, have the opportunity to move against it by speaking light into your life. Instead of succumbing to darkness, move like God expects you to and claim all the promises of "Let there be light."

Much love in Christ!

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