

## DARKNESS - LIGHT

One of the things I remember about “early life on the farm,” was going to the well and drawing water at **night time!** Some nights were darker than others and what I could not see in the dark was what frightened me most. I remember some nights being so dark you could not see your hand in front of your face. I always thought what you could not see would be the thing that would cause you to hurt yourself the most. It seemed you never knew what monsters were obscured from your view in the dark. This caused me to want to check the water bucket before dark and make sure there was water available for the night.

The word “dark” is a word used for the time when there is the absence of the sun, light – a time when with the human eye you cannot see clearly. Jesus spoke of this in Jno. 9:4, *“We must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.”* This lesson should be learned well by everyone. In Bible times **night** was not a time for man to work; so, one would plan and give consideration to what was needed at night and prepare ahead of time so that which was needed was available after dark.

A passage to be considered while we are alive – before we die – is II Cor. 5:10: *“For we must all be made manifest before he judgment-seat o Christ; that each one may receive the things in the body, according to what he hath done whether it be good or bad.”* So, while it is “**day**,” we need to lead the good life and be prepared for the “**Day of Judgment.**”

There is such a thing as “**Children of darkness,**” and “**Children of light.**” Each of us should consider to which class we belong. The apostle Paul’s mission in life was: *“To open their eyes, that they my turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive remission of sins and an inheritance among them that are sanctified by faith in me,”* Acts 26:18. These two classes extends to us the possibility of being with one or the other group – “**darkness**” or “**light!**”

To “**walk in darkness,**” is to walk in sin and follow Satan, note above, Acts 26:18. When we establish what it is to “**walk in darkness,**” immediately we know what it is to “**walk in the light.**” Light is the **opposite of darkness;** thus, when we talk of being “**children of light,**” we are designating our walking with the Lord and God the father: *“16 Who only hath immortality, dwelling in light unapproachable; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honor and power eternal,”* I Tim. 6:16. *“17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom can be no variation, neither shadow that is cast by turning,”* Jas. 1:18.

Jesus said in Jno. 9:5, *“When I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”* Associated with this “**light**” there is “**no darkness.**” There can be no sin or degradation associated with God the Father and Christ, because they are “**light**” and in them is no darkness. All that is associated With God and Christ is that which is holy, just and true. In the state of Heaven, we have promised: *“And there shall be night no more; and they need no light of lamp, neither light of sun; for the Lord God shall give them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever,”* Rev. 22:5. Now, in heaven, I will be in an environment of perfect holiness, one that is just, one that is true and there will be “**no darkness there,**” The Lord Jesus, God the Father and God the Holy Spirit will be there and provide me all that is needed for a perfect spiritual environment – this is the place of which there will never be an end.

I look forward to that place and existence in which there will never be an end. Along with, *“the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands,”* Rev. 5:11, *worshiping God! My mission, then, will have been completed.*

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