

Darkness

- I. **Darkness (v.5)** (145 in the entire Bible.) “Comprehended it not.” Could not apprehend it, Could not extinguish it. Could not overtake it. Could not suppress it. Light entered but did not scatter the darkness, but neither did the darkness suppress or neutralize the light.

A. Source of darkness

1. “...god of this world has blinded...” (darkness) II Cor. 4:4, Satan keeps people BUSY with extracurricular activity.
2. “Ruler of the darkness of this present world.” Eph. 6:12 The rulers that preside over the regions of ignorance and sin with which the earth abounds.
3. “Prince of the Power of the Air.” Eph. 2:2. Higher authority than men. Men need to flee to God and submit to God and resist the devil. James 4:7
4. Doctrines of devils, seducing spirits (I Timothy 4:1) What are doctrines of devils?
5. Isaiah 14:12-15 “Lucifer” 5 “I WILL” There will be only ONE I AM in heaven. (Law of dual reference. Babylon in the end time, and SATAN, who is behind and above each wicked kingdom). The first rebellion. Two WILLS in heaven. There will be only ONE WILL in heaven. (And ultimately on the earth as well).
6. Ezekiel 28:13-19 (King of Tyre, and Satan. Law of Dual Reference) “Anointed Cherub” Iniquity in the form of PRIDE.
7. The Apostate church promotes darkness with their teaching of false doctrines.

Examples !

- B. **The lost gravitate to darkness.** Nancy said “You have to approve the bill before you can read it.”

1. **Man’s natural affinity:** John 3:19-20. “Men loved darkness and HATE the light..” There is no biblical evidence that there is a GOD SHAPED HOLE in every man, and man is unhappy till that hole is filled with GOD. See Romans 1:32. Vice list, 22 items. Men cheer each other on. They rejoice in their wickedness. Ro. 3:11 None seeketh after God. They suppressed the truth in unrighteousness. (Ro. 1:18)
2. The figurative uses of darkness are many and various. (145 X in the Bible)
 - a. It is used as a symbol of **moral depravity and its punishment.**

- b. **The wicked walk and work in darkness** "They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.;" Ps 82:5
- c. **And their reward is** to "sit in darkness" "Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron;" or to be "cast forth into the outer darkness" (Mt 8:12)
- d. **Of trouble and affliction** "They meet with darkness in the daytime, and grope in the noonday as in the night." (Job 5:14)
- e. **Of punishment** "All the bright lights of heaven will I make dark over thee, and set darkness upon thy land, saith the Lord GOD." (Eze 32:8)
- f. **Of death** "Before I go whence I shall not return, even to the land of darkness and the shadow of death; ' (Job 10:21)
- g. **Of human ignorance,** "But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes." 1Jo 2:11

C. Victory over darkness Matthew 12:28. Col 1:13

1. There has always been a Remnant
2. A glimmer of hope in the darkest of days Jer 3:22-23
3. Candle in a dark room
4. Christ has come to be the light and bring the light.
5. Days of Elijah – 7000 did not bow the knee to Baal. 1Jo 2:8 Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.
6. 1Jo 2:9 He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. 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.

D. The Lord's Restraining Grace – the true church. The Wheat. II Thess. 2:7.

- E. Let's ask the **LORD to TUNE our light** so that we shine in this darkness. Mr 13:33 Take ye heed, **watch and pray:** for ye know not when the time is.