

Countenance – The Light of His Image pt.1

Countenance – refers to a person's face or facial expression, serving as a direct reflection of their inner emotions, character, or spiritual state.

- To understand this teaching, first you must understand that God is everything. He is the IAM that IAM
- He is the Lamb and the Lion
- He is the Judge and the convicted
- He is the bread of Life and the Living Water
- He is the beginning and the End. The Alpha & Omega

(Genesis 1:1-5 nkjv)

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form, and void; and darkness ^[a]was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw the light, that *it was good*; and God divided the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. ^[b]So the evening and the morning were the first day.

- There are a few things I want to point out before we move on. God has no beginning. He existed before the beginning, He is God!
- So if God created the heavens and the earth then that means he was outside the heavens in order to created them

(Isaiah 66:1-2 nkjv)

Thus says the Lord: “Heaven *is* My throne, And earth *is* My footstool.
Where *is* the house that you will build Me? And where *is* the place of My
rest? ² For all those *things* My hand has made, And all those *things* exist,”
Says the Lord. “But on this *one* will I look: On *him who is* poor and of a
contrite spirit, And who trembles at My word.

- A throne is the seat for a king. It’s a chair that symbolizes royal power and sovereign authority
- So heaven is the place where God Sits

(Matthew 23:22 nlt)

²² And when you swear ‘by heaven,’ you are swearing by the throne of God and by God, who sits on the throne.

- If Jesus is sitting on the right-hand side of God then that means he had to ascended higher than the heavens

(Ephesians 4:7-10 nkjv)

⁷ But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift. ⁸ Therefore He says: “When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men.”

⁹ (Now this, “He ascended”—what does it mean but that He also ^[d]first descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

- If we go back to Genesis 1 , the bible says that darkness covered the face of the deep and that the Spirit of God was hovering above the face of the waters

(Show ocean pictures)

- The deeper you go into the ocean the darker it gets. The depths of the ocean are pitch black but the water in the deep is the same as the water in the surface
- Just like God has no beginning, this water that is mentioned already existed
- So if God is in everything then we must see God in the waters
- I believe symbolically the waters represents Jesus, the darkness on the face of the deep is where the Father can be found and the Spirit of God hovering above the waters is the Holy Spirit
- 1 John 1:5 says that there is no darkness in God which is true but that doesn't mean God can't dwell in Darkness
- When God spoke to the Israelites they were afraid of his presence and There was a thick darkness where he was

(Exodus 20:18-21 nkjv)

¹⁸ Now all the people witnessed the thunderings, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw *it*, they trembled and stood afar off. ¹⁹ Then they said to Moses, “You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die.”

²⁰ And Moses said to the people, “Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin.” ²¹ So the people stood afar off, but Moses drew near the thick darkness where God was.

- When Solomon brought the Ark into the temple, the Lord told him he will dwell in the dark cloud

(1 Kings 8:12-13 nkjv)

¹²Then Solomon spoke: “The Lord said He would dwell in the dark cloud.

¹³I have surely built You an exalted house, And a place for You to dwell in forever.”

- God has made darkness his secret place

(Psalms 18:9-11 nkjv)

He bowed the heavens also, and came down With darkness under His feet.¹⁰ And He rode upon a cherub, and flew; He flew upon the wings of the wind.¹¹ He made darkness His secret place; His canopy around Him *was* dark waters *And* thick clouds of the skies.

- When God said let there be light and said it was good, then he separated the light from darkness and called light day and darkness night
- But how can you separate light from darkness? Unless this darkness is not what we think but it is actually a light
- To God light and darkness is the same

(Psalms 139:1-12 nlt)

O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me.

²You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away.³You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do.⁴You know what I am going to say even before I say it, Lord.⁵You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head. ⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand! ⁷I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence! ⁸If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave,^[a] you are there.⁹If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans,¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me, and your strength will support me.¹¹I could ask the darkness to hide me and the light around me to become night—¹²but even in darkness I cannot hide from you. To you the night shines as bright as day. Darkness and light are the same to you.

(James 1:17 nkjv)

¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

- The darkness that covered the face of the deep wasn't created it already existed because it was part of God

- The darkness that we know of was created. It has a beginning and I believe when God separated light from darkness and called darkness night was when darkness that we know of was created
- God is God. Who are we to question his ways.
- When God speaks about cryus a man that is chosen by God but wasn't Godly looks what he says

(Isaiah 45:5- 7 nkjv)

I *am* the Lord, and *there is* no other; *There is* no God besides Me. I will gird you, though you have not known Me, ⁶That they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting That *there is* none besides Me. I *am* the Lord, and *there is* no other; ⁷I form the light and create darkness, I make peace and create calamity; I, the Lord, do all these *things*.'

- all things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or ^[e]principalities or ^[f]powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

(Colossians 1:16-18 nkjv)

⁶For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or ^[e]principalities or ^[f]powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. ¹⁸And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

(Proverbs 27:19 nkjv)

As in water face *reflects* face, So a man's heart *reveals* the man.

- If The Spirit of God is hovering above the face of the water, then the water should be reflecting the Spirit
- But reflection only occurs when light bouncing off a surface, so without a source of illumination there are no light waves to bounce off the water meaning no reflection can be created or seen
- But when God said let there be light, that was the source of light needed for the water to reflect the face of the Spirit of God.

(2 Corinthians 4:6 nlt)

⁶For God, who said, “Let there be light in the darkness,” has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ.