

³ And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light

- **Let there be light** – 1st recorded words from God!
 - This gives us a glimpse into His character and person.
 - 1st words in the Bible
 - **John the Baptist**’s first recorded words are “*Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*” – [Matthew 3:1-3](#)
 - [1 Samuel 17:26](#) – *And David said to the men who stood by him, “What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?”*
 - God said, “**Light be: light was.**” This is how God works. This is how we work. We turn on the light if it’s dark.

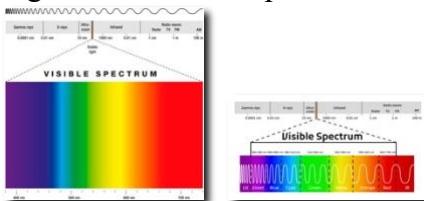


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- **Notice:** God is not trying to obscure or hide His work; He wants physical light & Spiritual light for His creation!
 - He “let light be” in our hearts when He opened our eyes to the “light” of His truth concerning Christ! [2 Corinthians 4:6](#) – *“For God, who said, “**Let light shine out of darkness,**” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*
 - Do not miss the parallel to God making us into **a new creation** that He says is “good.”
 - [2 Corinthians 5:17](#) – *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the **new has come.***
 - **Christ is the point!** [Colossians 1:16](#) “all things...for Him”;
 - [Ephesians 1:10](#) – *“as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth in him.*
 - Miss Him and miss everything



- **“Out of darkness.”** Darkness is the **absence of Light.**

- Similar to the idea that cold is the absence of heat.
 - The Fridge & Freezer doesn't make cold, it removes heat
- Light has measurable energy and momentum; darkness does not
- Light is a universal speed limit; darkness does not



- Visible light is a small portion of the light/ electromagnetic spectrum
 - Similar to our hearing compared to that of dogs.
 - We cannot see ultraviolet or infrared light, yet they are very real.
 - My stove range is electric, and after use, the burners stay hot. Without a warning light, I could get burned- **Infrared** light/ heat only starts to become visible at higher temperatures.
 - We can tell a star's temperature from the color it emits. Hot= toward blue, cooler= toward orange/red
 - Your internet, home phone, and TV are transmitted to and from you over fiber-optic cables using infrared wavelengths of light. 1310/1550 nanometers
 - There is more unseen light than visible light
 - New infrared & X-ray Telescopes are utilizing this tech¹.
 - God also wants spiritual light instead of spiritual darkness
 - Just as physical darkness is the absence of light, **spiritual darkness** is the **absence of God**.
 - *John 1:5-10 – 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. 9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.*
 - Many of us lived in this darkness until His light.
 - One of the 10 plagues in Egypt was: Physical & Spiritual Darkness over the Egyptians, but Light in the homes of the Israelites. #9

¹ <https://www.sciencenewstoday.org/the-invisible-universe-how-infrared-and-x-rays-reveal-the-cosmos>

- This event prefigures when Darkness fell on the land at the crucifixion of Jesus on the cross ([Matthew 27:45](#)),



- - From His 1st recorded words to this very day, God has shown that His desire is light.

⁴ And God saw that the **light was good**. And **God separated** the light from the darkness.

- Light is good, healing, helping, revealing,
- from the darkness – He doesn't say anything is "Not Good" until Adam's marital situation ([Gen 2:18](#)).
 - "Not good" usually means unacceptable.
 - He separated dark and light, made a distinction, a line of demarcation.
 - The problem we see is not that there isn't enough light in the world, it is that **men love darkness** – [John 3:19](#)
- **God separated** – Here is a definitive division between light and Darkness  [light/dark]

⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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 - Interesting term that suggests a 24 hr. day.
 - The Jewish people start days from sundown, "Evening," to the next sunset²
 - [Exodus 20:11](#) – *11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.*

² <https://www.jtsa.edu/torah/the-day-begins-with-night/>

- God does not tell us the source of this light.
 - This is before He creates the sun, moon, and stars (^{4th day}), so it has caused some chronological questions.
 - This emphasizes the idea that light is more than just a physical ingredient; there is more to it than we know.
 - Light, day, and night are all before the sun, moon, and stars are created.
- **If truth** does not start on the very 1st page of Scripture, when does it start?
 - “Some people ask why God did not tell us the source of this light. However, if God told us everything, we would have so many books we would not have time to read them. God has given us all the information we need to come to the right conclusions about the things that really matter.”
 - **Ken Ham**³

⁶ And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷ And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸ And God called the expanse **Heaven**. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

- Here is a definitive division between water under heaven and water above  **[atmosphere]**
- Expanse – a space, **firmament**, a canopy, a vault
- Heaven/ Sky NIV
 - Sky and anything above the Earth
 - 2 Corinthians 12:3 – *2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. 3 And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—*
 - Three heavens?

³ Ham, “Could God Really Have Created Everything in Six Days?,” footnote 27, 102.



- - Where birds fly, Jets operate, satellites orbit,
 - Shamayim: [Psalm 104:12](#); [Isaiah 55:10](#); [Psalm 104:12](#) – ¹²*Beside them the birds of the **heavens** dwell; they sing among the branches.*
 - [Isaiah 55:10](#) – ¹⁰*“For as the rain and the snow come **down from heaven** and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,*
 - [Side note] [Psalms 104:2](#) – *covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the **heavens** like a tent.*
 - **Heavenly places:**
 - [Ephesians 1:3](#) – Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the **heavenly places**,
 - [Ephesians 1:20](#) – that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the **heavenly places**,
 - [Ephesians 2:6](#) – and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the **heavenly places** in Christ Jesus,
 - [Ephesians 3:10](#) – so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the **heavenly places**.
 - [Ephesians 6:12](#) –¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the **heavenly places**. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.
 - Heaven is where God is! If God is with us, we have access to a dose of heaven!

⁹ And God said, “Let the **waters under the heavens** be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

¹¹ And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants **yielding seed**, and fruit trees **bearing fruit** in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, **the third day**.

- Here is a definitive division between land and sea  [Land & Sea]
- according to their own kinds – a “kind” will never become a different “kind.” Sorry Charlie Darwin.
- **1st Fruits** on the 3rd day
 - Leviticus 23 – The feasts of the Lord
 - Passover/ Unleavened bread/ First fruits
- This was before sunlight! God provided the light.
- Revelation 21:23 –²³ And the city has **no need of sun or moon to shine on it**, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, **the fourth day**.

- Day from night separation  [day & night]
- We still measure time according to the sun, earth
- Constellations
 - Job 38:31-32 – ³¹“Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades or loose the cords of Orion? ³²Can you lead forth the Mazzaroth in their season, or can you guide the Bear with its children?
 - Isaiah 40:26 – *²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing.*

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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