

Shining Lights: Walking in The Light

By walking in obedience to Jesus, we have the light that leads out of darkness and into life.

Light & Darkness, Life & Death

Genesis 2:15-17

New Living Translation

15 The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. 16 But the Lord God warned him, "You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden— 17 except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die."

- Light & Life = You may freely eat (live from) of every tree in the garden.
- Darkness & Death = Except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you are sure to die.
- What is the light? It is the way out of darkness and away from death, it's where we located as we follow His commands.

Walking into the Darkness

Genesis 3:1-10 Amplified Bible

3 Now the serpent was more crafty (subtle, skilled in deceit) than any living creature of the field which the Lord God had made.

- God is the ruler of light = truth, goodness, righteousness and life
- Satan is the ruler of darkness = lies, evil, sin and death

And [a]the serpent (Satan) said to the woman, "Can it really be that God has said, 'You shall not eat from [b]any tree of the garden'?" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden, 3 except the fruit from the tree which is in the middle of the garden. God said, 'You shall not eat from it nor touch it, otherwise you will die.'" 4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You certainly will not die!

- Darkness is presented to Eve in the form of a lie.
- It's impossible to walk in the dark, unless there is darkness.

5 For God knows that on the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened [that is, you will have greater awareness], and you will be like God, knowing [the difference between] good and evil.” 6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was delightful to look at, and a tree to be desired in order to make one wise and insightful, she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband [c]with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of the two of them were opened [that is, their awareness increased], and they knew that they were naked; and they fastened fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. 8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool [afternoon breeze] of the day, so the man and his wife hid and kept themselves hidden from the [d]presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the Lord God called to Adam, and said to him, “Where are you?” 10 He said, “I heard the sound of You [walking] in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.”

- God is light, so light was walking towards Adam.
- Adam was now aware of the difference between light and dark, evil and good. So he hid himself from the light.
- He could no longer walk with God.

2 Corinthians 6:14-15 New Living Translation

14 Don't team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness? 15 What harmony can there be between Christ and the devil[a]? How can a believer be a partner with an unbeliever?

The Favor of Walking With God

Genesis 5:21-24 Amplified Bible

21 When Enoch was sixty-five years old, he became the father of Methuselah. 22 Enoch walked [in habitual fellowship] with God three hundred years after the birth of Methuselah and had other sons and daughters. 23 So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. 24 And [in reverent fear and obedience]

Enoch walked with God; and he was not [found among men], because God took him [away to be home with Him].

Genesis 6:8-10 Amplified Bible

8 But Noah found favor and grace in the eyes of the Lord. 9 These are the records of the generations (family history) of Noah. Noah was a righteous man [one who was just and had right standing with God], blameless in his [evil] generation; Noah walked (lived) [in habitual fellowship] with God.

- What happens to those who walk with/live in fellowship with God?

Matthew 7:21-23 New Living Translation

21 “Not everyone who calls out to me, ‘Lord! Lord!’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. 22 On judgment day many will say to me, ‘Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.’ 23 But I will reply, ‘I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God’s laws.’

Walking With The Light

Matthew 4:17-19 New Living Translation

17 From then on Jesus began to preach, “Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.[a]” 18 One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. 19 Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!”

- Light was walking and calling out to men!
- In order to walk in the light, we must walk with the Light.

Matthew 19:16-22

Amplified Bible The Rich Young Ruler

16 And someone came to Him and said, “Teacher, what [essentially] good thing shall I do to obtain eternal life [that is, eternal salvation in the Messiah’s kingdom]?” 17 Jesus answered, “Why are you asking Me about what is [essentially] good? There is only One who is [essentially] good; but if you wish to

enter into eternal life, keep the commandments.” 18 He said to Jesus, “Which commandments?” And Jesus answered, “You shall not commit murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not give false testimony; 19 Honor your father and mother; and love your neighbor as yourself” [that is, unselfishly seek the best or higher good for others]. 20 The young man said to Him, “I have kept all these things [from my youth]; what do I still lack?” 21 Jesus answered him, “If you wish to be perfect [that is, have the spiritual maturity that accompanies godly character with no moral or ethical deficiencies], go and sell what you have and give [the money] to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me [becoming My disciple, believing and trusting in Me and **walking the same path of life that I walk**].” 22 But when the young man heard this, he left grieving and distressed, for he owned much property and had many possessions [which he treasured more than his relationship with God].

- To walk in His light is to walk in obedience His word/commands.

John 8:12 New Living Translation

12 Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, “I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.”

John 11:9-10 Amplified Bible

9 Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours [of light] in the day? Anyone who walks in the daytime does not stumble, because he sees [by] the light of this world. 10 But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because there is no light in him.”

Walking in the Light

2 Corinthians 5:7 Amplified Bible

7 for we walk by faith, not by sight [living our lives in a manner consistent with our confident belief in God’s promises]—

- If we don't want any darkness living in us, we must hide the word in our hearts.
- If I'm going to walk by faith I need light/God’s way.
- As we walk in the light, we are Shining Lights.

Romans 6:3-5 Amplified Bible

3 Or are you ignorant of the fact that all of us who have been [a]baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 We have therefore been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory and power of the Father, we too might **walk habitually in newness of life [abandoning our old ways]**. 5 For if we have become one with Him [permanently united] in the likeness of His death, we will also certainly be [one with Him and share fully] in the likeness of His resurrection.

Ephesians 5:6-13 Amplified Bible

6 Let no one deceive you with empty arguments [that encourage you to sin], for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience [those who habitually sin]. 7 So do not participate or even associate with them [in the rebelliousness of sin]. 8 For once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of Light [live as those who are native-born to the Light] 9 (for the fruit [the effect, the result] of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth), 10 trying to learn [by experience] what is pleasing to the Lord [and letting your lifestyles be examples of what is most acceptable to Him—your behavior expressing gratitude to God for your salvation]. 11 Do not participate in the worthless and unproductive deeds of darkness, but instead expose them [by exemplifying personal integrity, moral courage, and godly character]; 12 for it is disgraceful even to mention the things that such people practice in secret. 13 But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light [of God's precepts], for [a]it is light that makes everything visible.

- In order to walk in the light, there must be light to walk in (God's way). In order to walk in the dark, there must be dark to walk in (Satan's way).
- If you don't want to walk in the darkness, stay out of the dark!
- The dark comes from our own evil/wordly/carnal/anit-God desires.
- Darkness needs an entrance. The eyes, the ears, and the heart/mind.
- Lust of the flesh, lust of the eye, pride of life.
- Turning away from the light creates darkness/shadows for the enemy to work in your life.

Matthew 5:27-30 New Living Translation

27 “You have heard the commandment that says, ‘You must not commit adultery.’[a] 28 But I say, anyone who even looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 So if your eye—even your good eye[b]—causes you to lust, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. 30 And if your hand—even your stronger hand[c]—causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

- Darkness changes your perception from godliness to worldliness.

Romans 5:17-19

New Living Translation

17 For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death/darkness to rule over many. But even greater is God’s wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ. 18 Yes, Adam’s one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ’s one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone. 19 Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous.

