

“The Kingdom of Light – Pt. 7”

Israel Minister of Defense Yoav Gallant spoke to the press a day or two ago. One thing he said that really impressed me is, **“We are at the forefront of the free world against a world of darkness and all evil,”** Gallant concluded. **“We must win.”** Prayer are needing to be offered up by Bible-believing Christians on behalf of the war taking place in the Middle East between not only Israel and Hamas, but including Hezbollah, the Islamic Jihad, which are proxy combatants of Iran.

In a very real spiritual way, a similar comparison can be made regarding the Kingdom of Light vs the kingdom of darkness. The forces of darkness are raging against the Light of Christ in those who are a part of His kingdom. Hotbeds of antisemitism in our own nation like we haven’t seen in many years if ever are erupting nationwide, including congressional leaders and college protests.

Gwen Shaw, founder of **End-Time Handmaidens**, published a book entitled Endued With Light to Reign For Ever, “A Bible Study On The Eternal, Supernatural Creative Light Of God.”

In chapter seven, “The Children of Light and the Children of Darkness, Miss Shaw writes, “Since that day [of the Fall of Adam & Eve], there have been two kinds of people on this earth – not black or white, Jew and Gentile, bond and free, but Children of Light and Children of Darkness. Neither the color of the skin, nor the religion, nor creed determines to which race one belongs. It is who one adheres to, obeys, allows oneself to be influenced by, that determines whether one is a Child of Light or a Child of Darkness. There even are [so called] who are Children of Darkness.

“The Essenes who lived in Qumran, Israel, during the time of Christ said that the conflict of all ages was between the Sons of Light and the Sons of Darkness, and that the final conflict would be between the Children of Light and the Children of Darkness.

“Children of Light don’t want to fight, but if they have to go to battle, they will gladly lay their lives down for the cause of truth and justice.” This Sunday come for IDOP for Suffering Church and see the Voice of the Martyrs depiction of a child persecuted for the sake of the Light.

“This great battle is raging now (1985) even in our western lands between the pro-life adherents and the pro-abortionists. It is raging in religion, politics education and the morals of our society. To be neutral is to be in darkness.

There is no such thing as neutral in the matter of life and death, good and evil, right and wrong.”

“Jesus said that the reason men were Children of Darkness was because they preferred the darkness. He saw sons of darkness every day. He didn’t see them among the common folk, but among the religious Pharisees and Saducees. *“And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil.”* **John 3:19 NKJV** **Amazing that religious leaders cause so many wars!**

You and I are not exempt from this warfare in the heavenlies. It spills over into all of our daily lives in one way or another. The question is: “What should we do about it?” Stronger yet, “What must we do about it?” during these times that try men’s souls.”

In a section called, “The Wicked Hate the Light.” Gwen wrote, “When our home in Hong Kong was robbed by thieves who broke into the house in the middle of the night, God told me to put up lights all around the outside of the house. He showed me that just the presence of light would be enough to make them afraid to be exposed.

“The best way to fight evil is not with evil, but with Light. When you are attacked, put on your armor of Light. The enemy cannot stand Light. You do this by loving him. That is why Jesus said, *“Love your enemy.”* It is your only protection from hate, witchcraft and curses (even religious curses).

“In **Matthew 6:23 [NKJV]** Jesus said, *“But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!”* It is through the eyes (the perception and understanding of our spirits) that we can see God and know Him. But when our “eye” is evil, then our whole body is controlled by the evil one.

“That is why Jesus dared to rebuke the religious leaders of His day: *“You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do...”* **John 8:44a** They were controlled by Satan, and Satan has great power and influence in the religious world.”

So, who are we in this world as believers in Christ Jesus? The answer to this question changes everything. In **2 Thess. 2:13-14 TPT** we see that we have been **“Chosen for Wholeness”**. *“We always have to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, for you are dearly loved by the Lord. He proved it by choosing you from the beginning for salvation through the Spirit, who set you apart for holiness, and through your belief in the truth. 14. To this end He handpicked*

*you for salvation through the gospel so that you would **have*** (or “share in” or “possess”) the **glory** of our Lord Jesus Christ.” *TPT note: “This is the Greek word *periposeis*, which means “an encompassing,” “a surrounding,” or “encircling.” Believers are brought within the perimeter of the glory of God through Jesus Christ. There is nothing in the context to imply it is a future event, but rather a present enjoyment and participation in the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.”*

TPT note (c): “These two verses (13-14) contain some of the most wonderful truths in the New Testament. Read them over again slowly and think about all that God the Father, God the Son and God the Spirit have done for us (e.g. His eternal love, the drawing work of the Holy Spirit, sanctification or being set apart for holiness, faith in Jesus, and much more. Paul states in v. 14 that the purpose of our salvation is more than being set free from guilt; it is so that we would share in and possess the glory of Christ (John 17:10, 22).

Jesus prays for His Disciples

John 17:10 TPT *“For all who belong to Me now belong to You. And all who belong to you now belong to Me as well, and **My glory is revealed** through their surrendered lives (or “I am glorified in them”).”*

Jesus Prays for You and Me

17:20-21 TPT *“And I ask not only for these disciples, but also for all those who will one day believe in Me through their message. 21. I pray for them all to be joined together as one even as you and I, Father, are joined together as one. I pray for them to become one with (or “in”) us so that the world will recognize that You sent me.” **This is a unity caused by God sharing His love & glory!***

V. 22 TPT *“For the very **glory** you have given to Me I have given to them so that they will be joined together as one and experience the same unity that we enjoy.”*

TPT note (a) *“It is important to note that the key to unity among believers is experiencing the glory of God that Jesus has imparted to us. As one with God through faith in Christ, He shares His glory with us, since we are not “another,” but have been made one with the triune God through the blood of Jesus.”*

V. 23 TPT *“You live fully in Me and now I live fully in them so that they will experience **perfect unity**(Aramaic: “shrink into one”), and the world will be convinced that you have sent Me, for they will see that you love each one of them with the same passionate love that you have for Me.”*

Rom. 8:19 TPT *"The entire universe is standing on tiptoe*, yearning to see the unveiling** of God's glorious sons and daughters!"*

TPT note: * "The Greek word used here means "intense anticipation," or "anxiously anticipating what is about to happen" (with an outstretched neck)."

TPT note: ** "Or *"the manifestation of the sons of God."* Interestingly, the Greek word used for unveiling (*apokalypsis*) is the same word for the full title of the last book of the Bible, "The Revelation [Unveiling] of Jesus Christ." The created universe is but the backdrop for the dramatic appearing of God's sons and daughters unveiled with the glory of Jesus Christ upon them. The verb tense in the Greek text is clear that this "*unveiling*" is imminent, soon to happen, and destined to take place. Christ's glory will come to us, enter us, fill us, envelop us, and then be revealed through us as partakers of the glory. Although God will not share His glory with any other, we are no longer "another," for we are one with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit through faith in Christ. (See John 17: 21-23)."

Moses in the Glory

Gwen Shaw on "The Power of Communion with God": "Moses communed with God in the mountain for forty days and forty nights, and as he beheld the Lord of Glory, this great Glory was imparted unto Moses.

"It is when we commune with the Lord that we, too, are changed from Glory to Glory as Paul said to the Corinthians: *"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."* **2 Cor. 3:18 NKJV**

So practice the presence of God by seeking Him daily in the quietness of your heart. Psa. 46:10 -11 AMPC *"Let be and be still, and know (recognize and understand) that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations! I will be exalted in the earth! 11. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our Refuge (our High Tower and Stronghold). Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!"*

TPT Vv. 10-11 *"Surrender your anxiety (Septuagint reads "relax"). Be silent and stop your striving and you will see that I am God. I am the God above all the nations and I will be exalted throughout the whole earth. 11. Here He stands! The Commander! The mighty Lord of Angel Armies is on our side! The God of Jacob fights for us!"*