

The Kingdom of Light – Pt. 2

V. 3 TPT “And then God announced, “Let there be light,” **and light burst forth.**” TPT **note:** Or “and there was light.” God created light but did not create the sun until the fourth day. **God Himself filled the universe with the light of His presence and glory.** The Hebrew verbs used with the phrases “Let there be” and “and there was” are both related to the **holy name Yahweh:** *yehi* [“let there be”] and *wayhi* (“and there was”). As He released this word of power, the universe began to expand and has been expanding ever since. **God’s kingdom operates according to the principle of endless increase, not of power that diminishes over time.**”

Heb. 11:3 TPT “Faith **empowers** us to see that **the universe was created and beautifully coordinated** [NKJV “the worlds were ***framed**” or TPT “the ages were **completely equipped**”*****] **by the power of God’s words! He spoke and the invisible realm gave birth to all that is seen.**”). ***WW**“Strong’s #2675 **katartizo** – “To arrange, set in order, adjust, complete what is lacking, make fully ready, repair, prepare. It is used of the disciples mending their nets, (**Matt. 4:21**), for restoring a fallen brother (**Gal. 6:1**), Paul’s farewell to the Corinthians, that they “**become complete.**” (**2 Cor. 13:5**) and “**the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry.**” It speaks of Divine alignment. In classical language the word is used for setting a bone during surgery. As such, the Great Physician is now making all the necessary adjustments so the church will not be “out of joint” (**Eph. 4:12** (“**the equipping** [“**nurturing & preparing**”] of the saints for the work of the ministry”).

Speak Words of Life-Light, not Words of Death-Darkness

God is always speaking on purpose so that divine adjustments & alignments will occur within the Body of Christ & elsewhere for maturity of the Body. This is where the office of a prophet and the prophetic ministry comes in. When mixed with faith, the prophetic word nurtures, prepares, equips, puts into divine alignment, and makes one fully ready for the work of the ministry. This is the process that God used when He spoke, “*Let there be light.*” With His presence on the scene, the Lord was speaking order and goodness into His creation for the advent of His **dream-come-true – man.** Many, if not most, people do not understand the power of their words to create or destroy, to bring forth life or death. **Prov. 18:21 AMPC** “*Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it* [for death or life].” **TPT** “*Your words are so powerful that they will kill or give life, and the talkative person will reap the consequences.*” **Matt. 12:37 NKJV** *For by your words you will be justified* (**WW** “A legal term signifying to acquit, declare righteous, show to be righteous. In this passage Jesus refers to the day of judgment as the day of His determining condemnation or justification, based on our heart’s response to the Spirit.”), *and by your words you will be condemned.*”

God Wants Our Hearts to Soar with Joy

Col. 1:12-14 TPT *“Your hearts can soar with joyful gratitude when you think of how God made you worthy (qualified, competent or sufficient) to receive the glorious inheritance freely given to us by living in the light (AMPC “saints (God’s holy people) in the Light.”*

13. *He has rescued us completely from the tyrannical rule (or “authority”) of **darkness** and has translated us into the kingdom realm of His beloved Son. **14.** For in the Son all our sins are canceled and we have the release of redemption through His very blood.”*

From the **tyrannical rule of darkness into the kingdom realm of His beloved Son** – the **JOY** of the true freedom to choose as beings of light & children of the Day!

The Lamp of the Body

Matt. 6:22-23 NKJV *“The lamp of the body is **the eye** (outlook on life; your whole way of looking at things). If therefore your eye is good (clear or healthy, a Semitic figure of speech for **generosity**, due to the context of giving and money in the verses before and after), your whole **body***[spirit] will be full of light.” **TPT: 22.** *“The eyes of your spirit allow revelation-light to enter into your being (**TPT note:** “The teachings of Jesus are the “revelation-light” referred to here.”) If your heart is unclouded, the light floods in. **23.** But if your eyes are focused on money, the light cannot penetrate and darkness takes its place (or “If your eye is healthy [focused], your whole body is full of light; but if it is sick (evil), your body is full of darkness.”). How profound will be the darkness within you if the light of truth cannot enter!”**

TPT note: “An “evil” eye [i.e. spiritual perception] can also be associated with being stingy and greedy.”; *the “body” is our spirit; the “light” is Jesus’ teachings. The “darkness” is formed by the lies and opinions that blind us.”

Selwyn Hughes “Lord Jesus, your generous eye saw something in me that wasn’t there – and then it was! Help me to thus create what I see in others.” “Your eye is your outlook on life; your whole way of looking at things and people. If generous, then your whole personality is illuminated. If you have a greedy or selfish “eye,” then your whole being will be filled with darkness.” **Cultivate a positive, generous, creative attitude in order to bring out the best in others as well as yourself.**

Gen. 1:4 TPT *“And God saw the light as pleasing [Heb. “tov”=“good”] and beautiful*; He used the light to dispel the darkness. 5. God called the light “Day” and the darkness “Night.” And so, **evening gave way to morning** – the first*

day.”** **Darkness (evening) always gives way to Light (morning)! *TPT notes:** “God’s goodness was His intention in creation, and He embedded beauty within all He made.” **Look for the beauty in others!** **“God begins in darkness and brings forth a new day. Chaos never hinders God from bringing forth light and order. It is not difficult for God to work where there is darkness, chaos, and confusion.”

Why Nobody Can Hide From God

Psa. 139:7-12 MSG “Is there anyplace I can go to avoid Your Spirit? to be out of Your sight? If I climb to the sky, you’re there! If I go underground you’re there! If I flew on morning’s wings to the far western horizon, You’d find me in a minute – you’re already there waiting! Then I said to myself, “Oh, He even sees me in the **dark!** At night I’m immersed in the **light!**” It’s a fact: **darkness isn’t dark to You; night and day, darkness and light, they’re all the same to you.**”

V. 12 TPT “There is no such thing as darkness with you. The night, to You, is as bright as the day; there’s no difference between the two.”

Isa. 9:6-7 TPT “A **Child**** has been born for us; a **Son**** has been **given** to us. The responsibility of complete dominion will rest on His shoulders, and His name will be: The Wonderful One! The Extraordinary Strategist! The Mighty God! The Father of Eternity! The Prince of Peace! 7. Great & vast is His dominion (or “His authority will continually expand”). He will bring immeasurable peace and prosperity [shalom].”

****TPT note:** “The “Child” speaks of Christ’s humanity, and the “Son” (“given”) points to His eternal deity. This Son would be born in a time of darkness, but He will bring the light of a new day to the hearts of men.” **Switch your days!**

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God Reveals “Secret” Things Shrouded in “Darkness”

Dan. 2:22 NKJV “He reveals deep and **secret** things; He knows what is in the **darkness**, and **light** dwells with Him.” **Only children of the Light dwell with God!**

Psa. 25:14 “The **secret** of the Lord is with those who fear Him, and He will show them His covenant.” **TPT** “There’s a private place reserved for the devoted lovers of Yahweh, where they sit near Him and receive the revelation-secrets of His promises (or “covenant”).”

Matt. 6:6 AMPC *“But when you pray, go into your [most] private room, and closing the door, pray to your Father, Who is in **secret**; and your Father, Who sees in **secret**, will reward you in the open.”*