

^[5] *And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is LIGHT, and in Him there is no darkness at all. ^[6] IF we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; ^[7] BUT IF we walk in the LIGHT as He Himself is in the LIGHT, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.*

[1 John 1:5-7]

Having considered what the Holy Spirit moved John to write about God being LIGHT in 1 John 1:5-7 above, now consider what King David said in Psalm 27:1-3. Here David said,

^[1] *The LORD is my LIGHT and my SALVATION; Whom will I fear? The LORD is the DEFENSE of my life; Whom will I dread? ^[2] *When evildoers came upon me to devour my flesh, my adversaries and my enemies, they stumbled and fell. ^[3] Though a host encamp against me, my heart will not fear; though war arises against me, in spite of this I WILL BE CONFIDENT.**

Did you see what the LORD God being David's LIGHT did for David? It brought him SALVATION, and DEFENSE and gave him CONFIDENCE. What about you, does the LIGHT of the LORD God shining in your life bring these things to you?

Also listen to what the sons of Korah said about the LORD God being their LIGHT in Psalm 84:10-12. Here they said,

^[10] *FOR a day in Your courts is better than a thousand outside. I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God, than dwell in the tents of wickedness. ^[11] FOR the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD gives grace and glory; no good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly. ^[12] O LORD of hosts, how blessed is the [one] who trusts in You!*

Again, I ask what about you? Would you rather spend one day in the LORD God's courts than a thousand outside of His court? Would you rather stand at the threshold of the LORD God's church, or dwell in the tents of wickedness? Before answering, remember the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD gives grace and glory; no good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly with Him! Remember, the sons of Korah believed, the [one] who trusts in the LORD of hosts will be blessed. What about you? Do you believe these things can be true in your life?

In 2 Samuel 22:1 we learn that 'David spoke the words of this song to the LORD in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul.' Here, in 2 Samuel 22:29 David said,

"For You are my LAMP, O LORD; and the LORD ILLUMINES my DARKNESS.

Now consider Psalm 43:1-3, another psalm of David which he had presented to the sons of Korah. Here, David prayed,

^[1] *Vindicate me, O God, and plead my case against an ungodly nation; O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man! ^[2] FOR You are the God of my strength; why have You rejected me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy? ^[3] O send out Your LIGHT and Your TRUTH, let them lead me; let them bring me to Your holy hill, and to Your dwelling places.*

Did you hear what David had prayed for? He prayed that God would, *send out His LIGHT and TRUTH to lead David. What about you? How many times have you prayed for God to *send out the TRUTH of His Word to LIGHT your way that you may know God's will for you?**

In Matthew 4:16, we are reminded of what Isaiah the prophet said would be fulfilled,

“The people who were sitting in darkness saw a GREAT LIGHT, and to those who were sitting in the land and shadow of death, upon them a LIGHT dawned.”¹

Also take note of James 1:17-18 where we are taught that,

^[17] Every good thing bestowed, and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of LIGHTS, with Whom there is no variation, or shifting shadow. ^[18] In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the WORD of TRUTH, so that we might be, as it were, the first fruits among His creatures.

Listen now to what Paul is moved to teach us in Romans 13:11-12, where we are instructed,

^[11] And this do, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; FOR now, SALVATION is nearer to us than when we believed. ^[12] The night is almost gone, and the day is at hand. Let us therefore lay aside the deeds of darkness and PUT ON the ARMOR of LIGHT.

We should all know what ARMOR is for. It is the protection warriors need for when they go into battle. Let me suggest to you that the ARMOR of LIGHT is God's Word as seen in Romans 13:13; which is the the LIGHT of the gospel (good news) of the glory of Christ, Who is the image of God [2 Corinthians 4:4]!

Lord willing, I hope you will join me here again tomorrow, when we will consider that LIGHT IS A PROMISE of God!

Please meditate and pray on these things!

Will you please now join me in prayer?

Blessed Father God, I give You thanksgiving Today for teaching us that You are LIGHT, and in You there is no darkness at all. I also thank You for teaching us that IF we walk in the LIGHT as You Yourself are in the LIGHT, we have fellowship with You one another: and the blood of Jesus Your Son will cleans us from all our sin. I also give You thanks that You have promised that You would send out Your LIGHT and TRUTH which is Your ARMOR of LIGHT, Your Word; which is the LIGHT of the gospel (good news), which is the glory of Christ! For all these things I give You thanksgiving in prayer in the Name of Christ the Lord. Amen!

Louise and I pray this will help to both enlighten and encourage you to **know in a greater way** the **One** Who promises in His Word to never leave you nor forsake you [Hebrews 13:5; Deuteronomy 31:6, 8]!

BECAUSE THE LORD GOD TELLS ME HE SENDS OUT THE LIGHT AND TRUTH OF HIS GOSPEL GOOD NEWS, WHICH IS HIS GOD-BREATHED WORD, I CAN NOW PUT ON HIS ARMOR OF LIGHT! – tom

¹ Sited from Isaiah 9:1-2