

II. God is Light

Passages to read: John 1:4-9, 3:19-21, 8:12; 1 John 1:5-7; Revelation 21:23-25

Related passages for personal study:

- * Created by Divine command: Genesis 1:3; 2 Corinthians 4:6
- * The Light promised by the prophets: Isaiah 49:6; Malachi 4:2; Acts 13:47
- * The Light pictured in the Old Testament: Exodus 14:20, 27:20; Neh. 9:12
- * The Light possessed: Ephesians 5:8
- * Glory and Light: Matthew 17:1-5; Acts 9:3; 1 Timothy 6:16
- * A Christian's light: Matt. 5:14-16;
- * Guiding light: Psalm 119:105

Description of light:

Natural: Radiates from a source outward; allows objects to be perceptible to sight;
To shine or make manifest;
Time was measured from sunset to sunset: the disappearing of each day's light.

Figurative: Purity, life, knowledge, salvation, testimony, favor

Aspects to Consider:

- * **God as Righteous & Holy One** (1 Timothy 6:16; 1 John 1:5)
- * **God as Illuminator** (John 3:19-21; Psalm 119:105)
- * **God as Life-giver** (John 8:12; 2 Corinthians 4:6)

What is light characterized by?

- * Manifests deeds (Ephesians 5:13)
- * Illuminates to salvation (2 Corinthians 4:4-6)
- * Guides (Psalm 119:105)
- * The darkness makes it stand out (2 Peter 1:19)

How should God's character as light affect me?

Discussion Questions:

- * In what ways can we be "lights" in the world today?
- * How does the "light" of God reveal sin?
- * What is symbolized by the three dark hours at Calvary (Mark 15:33-34)?