

Daily Devotional, June 24, 2021 The Light in Our Darkness

“If I say, “Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,” even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you”. Psalm 139:11-12 (NIV)

Darkness is simply the absence of light, but it is so much more. It is being unable to see what lies ahead of us. It means a much more difficult time investigating the sounds we hear. Darkness can also play with our minds. We commonly refer to evil as darkness – probably because much evil seems to occur more at night than during the day. So, we have good vs evil and light vs dark. This holds true for us spiritually as well.

Jesus refers to Himself as the Light of the World. John 8:12 tells us “When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.’” And Satan is also often referred to as the power of darkness or ruler of darkness. Some of our darkest times are when we are in a spiritual battle, though Psalm 139:11-12 tells us that even darkness is light to God.

Have you ever turned on a flashlight during the day? The light is on, but we don’t really need it because there is already enough light all around us. It is in the dark that the flashlight best serves its purpose. Even beyond that, the closer we are to the light the better we can see. The further away we get, the more diffused the light becomes, and the more darkness begins to intrude and begins to play tricks on us.

We have read that God knew us before we were born. God knit us together in our mother’s womb. He knows every dark moment that we will ever have in our lives. But God promises that *He* is the light and that the closer we remain to Him the more we will be in the light and protected from the darkness. God doesn’t promise to eliminate all the darkness until the end, but God promises that as long as we walk with Him, we will walk in the light.

With Christ as our light, we don’t have to wonder if our dark moments are going to last forever. We don’t have to worry that they are going to overcome us. We know that we just need to draw closer to God and He will shed light on our doubts, fears, heartaches, and yes, even our sin. His light will show us the way and bring us peace in the midst of the storm.

God, with you there is no darkness. Your character has no shadows, and you are pure and good. Yet in our broken world, we see so much darkness around us. Pain, sickness, and disease are in our community and in many of our homes. Bring your light and restoring presence to the dark places in our lives. Bring your hope to hearts that feel defeated. Bring your love and compassion to those in pain. In the busyness of today, help us to take a moment to be still and sit with you. You are trustworthy, good, and true, and we thank you for caring for us so deeply. Open our eyes to see you at work today. In Jesus name, Amen.