

“Locations of Light”

Gen. 1:1-5

Introduction

- I. In the physical world, darkness can have some advantages [rest from photosynthesis, nocturnal animals, appreciation for light, etc.] (John 9:4).
- II. However, from a spiritual perspective, we need to stay away from all darkness and dwell in light (Eph. 5:8, 11; 6:12).
- III. Let us study the Scriptures in order to identify locations of light.

Discussion

- I. The Father is a location of light.
 - A. There is no darkness in the Father (1 John 1:5).
 - B. He is known as “the father of lights” (James 1:17).
 - C. The brightness of the God is hard to imagine (Exo. 32:30).
 - D. By following God, we are led to be children of light Eph. 5:8).
- II. The Son is a location of light.
 - A. Jesus rightfully proclaimed himself as “the light of the world” (John 8:12; John 9:5).
 1. While on this Earth, Jesus demonstrated this truth (John 1:1-9).
 2. Sadly, most will love darkness more than they do Jesus (John 3:19).
 - B. At different times, Jesus was seen with great light (Acts 26:12-15; Matt. 17:1-2).
 - C. The light of the Son is so bright that it cannot be fully experienced while here on Earth (1 Tim. 6:16; Rev. 21:23).
- III. God's Word is a location of light.
 - A. The psalmist and Solomon declared such (Psm. 119:105, 130; Prov. 6:23).
 - B. Paul mentioned the light of the Gospel, as opposed to walking in darkness of sin (2 Cor. 4:3-4; cf. Rom. 1:21).
 - C. When Paul preached, he used the Gospel to help people come out of darkness (Acts 26:16-18).
- IV. The church is a location of light.
 - A. The church is to be “the light of the world” while following Jesus (Matt. 5:14-15/John 8:12; 1 Thess 5:5).
 - B. The church must be careful that it's light does not diminish or cease (John 12:35; cf. Gal. 2:20).

Conclusion

- I. Let us know that Heaven is a location of light as well (Rev. 21:23-25).
- II. Hell, on the other hand, is described as a location of “outer darkness” (Matt. 8:12; 22:13; 25:30).