

SECOND PETER CHAPTER 1

Lesson 23

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

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God's Word is: **"a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts"** (vs. 19).

Key word

We live within the realm of that word **"until."** It is a fact that this world is **"a dark place"** and it will continue to be a dark place **"until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts."** Until then, we'd better be relying on the light that God provided us so we can get through the darkness. **"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path"** (Psalm 119:105).

When you got saved, it was the greatest thing that ever happened to you. But it didn't change your body. It didn't change your environment. It didn't fix all your problems. It didn't make your troubles go away. Don't let those things bring you doubts and cause you to lose faith and get bitter against God. Those things are temporary—and God has given you the light that you need to get through that darkness until the sun comes up.

JOEL 2:28-31

If you think its dark in this world now, be thankful that you won't be here to see the darkness of the Great Tribulation time when **"the sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood."** That's absolute darkness!

AMOS 5:18-20

The Day of the Lord (Tribulation time) will be darkness that you can't escape from.

AMOS 8:9-10

When God causes the "sun to go down at noon" people will be mourning and lamenting.

ISAIAH 13:6-11

God will punish the world for their evil. Darkness is part of that punishment. It's dark now, but not that dark.

Because there is sin in the world there is going to be darkness, trouble, judgment, heartache, and punishment. Christians need to rely on the light that God has provided us to get through the darkness because He didn't promise to remove the darkness when you got saved. He gave you a light for your path.

MALACHI 4:1-2 After all the great darkness—comes the greatest light of all. Jesus Christ, the Sun of righteousness comes to this earth and ministers to those who fear His name. This is the dawning of the day!

2 SAMUEL 23:3-4 The “**Rock of Israel;**” the “**just ruler**” “**shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds.**”

When Jesus Christ comes to rule the earth, it will be brighter than it's ever been. Until then, we need to get as much light as we possibly can from the Bible.

PSALM 19:1-6 The sun is a picture of “**a bridegroom (Jesus Christ) coming out of his chamber.**”

The light of the Bible doesn't make the darkness go away, but if you follow the light that is between those pages, it will get you through all of the darkness with joy, hope, peace, love, contentment, satisfaction, and righteousness.

HOSEA 6:3 The Lord's “**going forth is prepared as the morning.**”

MATTHEW 24:27-30 As the “lightning” cometh out of the east (sunrise)...so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. The Lord's Second Coming will be seen by all.

2 PETER 1:19 The dark night is the Tribulation. The Second Coming of Jesus Christ is the Day Dawn!

REVELATION 22:16 Jesus Christ is the “bright and morning star.” Just as the morning star heralds the coming of the brightness of the sun, Jesus Christ in your heart promises that the night will soon be over and the darkness will soon be passed. In the mean time, we need to keep our eye on Him and walk in the light of His Word.
