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Darkness cannot exist apart from HIM who made it according to the good pleasure of HIS will. HE has formed it in order to display the Glory of HIS LIGHT which is both contrasted with and transcendent before it. In the beginning (before which we have no knowledge); GOD did set forth that Creation which we now can see. Darkness was upon the face of the deep. GOD then declared, *“Let there be LIGHT”* and there was “LIGHT”. John speaks to us of this LIGHT. *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.”* It is ever a wonder to me that LIGHT existed on the first day and was separated from the darkness. Yet the Sun was not created until the fourth day, which belies the “scientific” explanation that light emanates from the Sun. The Sun receives its illumination from HIM who is the LIGHT of the world.

So, we understand that darkness was created by HIM to bring glory to HIS NAME, as HE shines HIS LIGHT, for in HIM is no darkness at all. HE would manifest the sons of GOD in the Earth by separating them from the darkness to which the reprobate have been appointed to inhabit. *“Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.”* *“For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”* As the sons of GOD are appointed to dwell in the LIGHT, which no man can by his own power or understanding ever approach unto, so too are the reprobate appointed to dwell in that darkness which they delight in. *“And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.”* They have loved the wages of unrighteousness, *“These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.”* *“Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.”*

There is indeed a great contrast between those who are the sons of GOD and those who are not, as GOD is pleased to manifest HIS work in those whom HE has loved with an everlasting love. For there is no difference between the elect and the non-elect by nature. We are all born naturally into darkness and would continue to delight ourselves therein apart from the grace of GOD who makes us to differ from another. *“And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.”* Peter describes that contrast with these words, *“Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.”*

The LORD told the Pharisee’s that their “hour” had now come. That purpose for which they were created was fast approaching and they would act according to the “power of darkness”, which they could not escape for they were both snared in it and embracing it according to their own desire. This is that “hour” which Peter declared, *“Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain.”* According to HIS good pleasure HE sent forth HIS SON into this world and made the darkness for this “hour”, that HE might manifest HIS eternal purpose in redeeming those whom HE loved from the beginning. *“Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.”* Are you of the LIGHT or the darkness? *“Thy free grace alone,”* #11 **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at forthepoor@windstream.net**