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*Spiritual Food and Encouragement for Believers in the Lord Jesus Christ*

## Lights in a Dark World

Steve Hulshizer

The subject of *Light* permeates Scripture from the beginning to the end. No doubt many have registered in their memory those words from Genesis, "And God said, Let there be light: and there was light." It is so simply stated and yet immeasurably power is spoken of. The word is spoken and there is immediate results. This power is displayed again when the incarnate Son rebuked the winds and the seas and there was an instant calm as creation "obeyed" the command of the Creator (Luke 8:24-25)

Light speaks of the Lord in His moral purity and glory. God is light. (1 John 1:5) Interestingly John, led of the Spirit, would note that "God is light" before he would present "God is love." Often as we present the Gospel to the dark world we present the truth that God is love and may not ever mention that God is light. Yet it is God's holiness, moral perfection, that necessitates the need for the Gospel. The love of God provides the solution to man's darkness. (John 3:16)

Now even a small candle shines bright when all around is thick darkness. I recall from over a half century ago when taken out into the night darkness at a remote Army location in Texas and told to make our way to several check points using just our compass. After tripping over barbwire fences and getting slapped in the face with branches from the many unseen shrubs—that's all that grew there—there was suddenly a very small light in the distance. Whoever manned the checkpoint puffed on a cigarette (a real no-no) and the glowing end became my guide. So it should be with the believer. Though small, in the darkness of the hour our small light should shine brightly. Something as "small" as praying for our food in the restaurant or fast food diner. That shines bright in the darkness which surrounds us.

Paul speaks of this in his letter to the Philippians. "Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;" (2:14-15) "Lights" could speak of "heavenly luminaries." People with a heavenly character shining like stars in this morally dark world.

How do our lives shine? \*

## Smiters

A.R. Mcconkey  
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Crowned with thorns by soldiers rude,  
As in their midst He meekly stood.  
Upon His back the scourge had plowed,  
As God His lovely Son allowed  
To be by humans beaten sore,  
Till even Satan could no more  
Of means devise to cause Him pain;  
The Blessed Savior thinks again,  
Of those words written long ago  
Regarding this, His time of woe,  
As now upon the cross He hung;  
The cross of which His saints have sung,  
And prophets centuries before  
Have told of time when sin no more  
Should awful harvest bring to men.  
Upon the cross the Savior then,  
That awful harvest reaped, that we,  
Who ought to reap, might be set free.

"I gave My Back," the Savior said,  
As there He suffered, wept, and bled.  
"I gave My Cheeks," that Face, so fair,  
Was "marred" by those who tore the hair  
From thence by handfuls, till in that Face  
Wretched sinners could scarcely trace  
The likeness of a man at all,  
Oh! bitter fruit of man's sad fall,  
And sin against a Holy God;  
A crime so great that only blood  
From Jesus' veins the debt could pay,  
And put man's awful debt away.  
That guilt, and crime, and debt of sin  
Was mine; so deeply stained within.  
My wicked heart helped put Him there,  
For in it all I had a share. \*

# The Cross And The Soul Of Man

Martyn Lloyd-Jones

What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Mark 8:37

The cross expounds the truth that the soul of man is something that is very precious. You remember our Lord's own teaching about this. He said: "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mark 8:36-37). The cross talks about the soul of man; our Lord is on the cross because of the preciousness of a man's immortal soul. So at once you see that the cross tells me something about myself and the nature of this manhood that God has given me. It tells me also about the whole purpose of life in this world. This is my soul; this is the thing that matters.

Now my body is important, and I must not despise it. Many other things are important, too, in this world. It is no part of the preaching of the gospel to depreciate legitimate things or to ridicule them. But I would say that it is the business of the Gospel to say that it is the soul of man that matters, that part of us that goes on even when we die—something imperishable, something that goes on into eternity. The cross puts tremendous emphasis upon that. He came there not in order that our bodies might be healed, not in order that we might be better fed or clothed or have more information and knowledge; no, He came to save the soul. "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10), and what was lost is man's soul.

Here is this tremendous statement, therefore, coming from the cross to us. Have you heard it—have you realized that the most important thing about you is this soul of yours? \*

*"Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed for us!"*

1 Cor. 5:7

On a little church in Germany stands a statue of a stone lamb, which has an interesting history. When some workmen were engaged on the roof of the building, one of them fell to the ground. His companions hastened down, expecting to find him dead. They were amazed, however, to see him unhurt. A lamb had been grazing just where he struck the ground; and falling upon it, the little creature was crushed to death, while the man himself escaped injury. He was so grateful for this wonderful deliverance, that he had a statue of the lamb carved in stone, and placed on the building as a memorial. The lamb saved his life, by dying in his place.

In the same way, every saved soul can point to the Lamb of God, and say, "I am saved--because Jesus died in my stead!"

J.R. Miller

# Faith, Sovereignty, and Peace

Bruce Hulshizer

By faith our hearts can find great peace by recalling that the Lord is sovereign. In every situation we can know the Almighty God is in control. It may be out of our control, but nothing is beyond Him, and thus nothing is happening that He has not ordered or allowed. Things today seem to be out of control as part of the wild times of the last days (2 Tim. 3:1). However, the Lord is still His throne. In Isaiah 40, Israel was urged to remember His sovereignty as well as the heart of the LORD toward them. The call was to wait on the Lord; to rest in such a sovereign, good God! This is true of us today.

This reality comes to us forcefully when we consider Daniel 8 where the Lord told ahead of time how Antiochus IV (Epiphanes) would act with such trickery and violence towards the Lord's things and people. Yet the reassuring words came, "the vision of the evenings and mornings which has been told you is true" (v. 26, 13-14). The evil which Antiochus was doing was not outside of God's control, although it surely seemed that way in the midst of the deceit and destruction. Yet, God had told of it ahead of time! Further, the Lord was sovereignly using it as part of fulfilling His own judgment (vs. 12, 19, 23). Yes, and in the end, the temple which was so desecrated would be cleansed, for Antiochus who thought he was supreme was not in fact sovereign. The Lord alone is sovereign. And His saints can rest in this.

Faith is key. In the midst of the wild days of this little horn of Greece with all his pompous words and wicked ways, surely it did not seem to be going well. But faith was to grasp the simple truth, the unchanging reality that our God is sovereign. What a rest and freedom faith brings! Oh glorious victory that overcomes the world!

As we meet situations that seem like they cannot possibly be going according to plan, we need to remember, and believe, that the Lord is sovereign and good, and in control.

When we lay hold of this truth by faith there is peace. \*

Oh, the peace forever flowing  
From God's tho'ts of His own Son!  
Oh, the peace of simply knowing  
On the cross that all was done!

A.P. Cecil

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# The Way of Cain

C. H. Mackintosh

*Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain.... (Jude 11)*

It is well to see that Cain's act of murder was the true consequence—the proper fruit—of his false worship. His foundation was bad, and the superstructure erected thereon was also bad. Nor did he stop at the act of murder; but having heard the judgment of God thereon, despairing of forgiveness through ignorance of God, he went forth from His blessed presence and built a city (Gen. 4:17), and had in his family the cultivators of the useful and ornamental sciences — agriculturists, musicians, and workers in metals. Through ignorance of the divine character, he pronounced his sin too great to be pardoned. It was not that he really knew his sin, but that he knew not God. He fully exhibited the terrible fruit of the fall in the very thought of God to which he gave utterance. He did not want pardon, because he did not want God. He had no true sense of his own condition, no aspirations after God, no intelligence as to the ground of a sinner's approach to God. He was radically corrupt—fundamentally wrong; and all he wanted was to get out of the presence of God, and lose himself in the world and its pursuits. "Then Cain went out from the presence of the Lord...." (Gen. 4:16). He thought he could live very well without God, and he therefore set about decorating the world as well as he could, for the purpose of making it a respectable place, and himself a respectable man therein, though in God's view it was under the curse, and he was a fugitive and a vagabond.

Such was "the way of Cain", in which way millions are, at this moment, rushing on. Such persons are not, by any means, divested of the religious element in their character. They would like to offer something to God ; to do something for Him. They deem it right to present to Him the results of their own toil. They are ignorant of themselves, ignorant of God; but with all this there is the diligent effort to improve the world, to make life agreeable in various ways, to deck the scene with the fairest colors. God's remedy to *cleanse* is rejected, and man's effort to *improve* is put in its place.

And, my reader, you have only to look around you to see how this "way" prevails at the present moment. Though the world is stained with the blood of "a greater than" Abel, even with the blood of Christ, yet see what an agreeable place man seeks to make it! As in Cain's day, the grateful sounds of "the harp and organ." no doubt, completely drowned, to man's ear, the cry of Abel's blood; so now, man's ear is filled with other sounds than those which issue from Calvary, and his eye filled with other objects than a

crucified Christ. The resources of his genius, too, are put forth to render this world a hot-house, in which are produced, in their rarest form, all the fruits for which nature so eagerly longs. And not merely are the real wants of man, as a creature, supplied, but the inventive genius of the human mind has been set to work for the purpose of devising things which, the moment the eye sees, the heart desires, and not only desires, but imagines that life would be intolerable without them.

In addition to all this, there is abundance of religion, so called; but, alas, charity itself is compelled to harbor the apprehension that very much of what passes for religion is but a screw in the vast machine which has been constructed for man's convenience and man's exaltation. Man would not be without religion; it would not be respectable; and therefore he is content to devote one-seventh of his time to religion, or, as he thinks and professes, to his eternal interests, and then he has six-sevenths to devote to his temporal interests; but whether he works for time or eternity, it is for *himself*, in reality. Such is "The way of Cain." \*

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book of Acts we have the history of the deliverance of the people of God from the bondage of Judaism into Christian liberty, answering to the book of Exodus. The epistles of Paul are the New Testament Leviticus, in which the way of access into the presence of God is unfolded, and a full revelation of the doctrines of Christianity is given. The general epistles of James, Peter, John and Jude are devoted to the application of Christian truth to the needs, difficulties and trials of our earthly pilgrimage, corresponding in this way to the book of Numbers, in which Israel's journeys through the wilderness are narrated. The book of Revelation, after the manner of Deuteronomy, gathers up the great moral lessons of the past and then directs our gaze forward into the glories of our eternal inheritance. Each of the five divisions presents the person of our Lord in a way appropriate to the theme of the division, and yet in perfect accord with the entire truth as to His person. \*

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## THE PERSON OF CHRIST AS REVEALED IN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Samuel Ridout

Christ is the center of all God's thoughts and purposes from eternity; therefore, He is necessarily the center and theme of the entire Scriptures, both of the Old and New Testaments.

We read in Hebrews 1:1,2, *God, who at sundry times, and in divers manners, spoke in times past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son.* "These last days" are the New Testament days, intimately linked with the entire present or Christian dispensation, as contrasted with the former or Jewish dispensation. All in that former period was "in many parts and in many ways"; everything was partial, fragmentary, and preparatory. The Old Testament Scriptures, while as perfectly inspired as the New, necessarily have the same characteristics as the truths which they reveal - indeed, both the Scriptures and the truths which they reveal are identical. We therefore naturally turn first to the New Testament for the complete revelation of the person of Christ, and after we have gleaned from its pages sufficient data from which to formulate the New Testament doctrine, we can turn with this light to the Old Testament, and, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, find its pages illumined with "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Cor. 4:6). This will be found equally true of the historical, the prophetic, and the poetic books.

The New Testament is divided, after the manner of the Pentateuch, into five distinct portions. The four Gospels give us a narrative of the life, teaching, sacrificial death and resurrection of our Lord, answering to the book of Genesis,

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Gazing on the Lord in glory,  
While our hearts in worship bow,  
There we read the wondrous story  
Of the cross — it's shame and woe.

Every mark of dark dishonour  
Heaped upon the thorn-crown'd brow,  
All the depths of Thy heart's sorrow  
Told in answering glory now.

On that cross alone — forsaken —  
Where no pitying eye was found;  
Now to God's right hand exalted,  
With Thy praise the heavens resound.

Did Thy God e'en then forsake Thee,  
Hide His face from Thy deep need?  
In Thy face, once marred and smitten,  
All His glory now we read.

Gazing on it we adore Thee,  
Blessed, precious, holy Lord;  
Thou, the Lamb, alone art worthy,  
This be earth's and heaven's accord.

Rise our hearts, and bless the Father,  
Ceaseless song e'en here begun,  
Endless praise and adoration  
To the Father and the Son.

Miss. C. Thomson