

DARKNESS AND LIGHT

1. The absence of light is used in both physical and figurative senses in both the Old and New Testaments.
2. The darkness which covered the deep before God's creation of light symbolizes chaos in opposition to God's orderly creation(Gen 1:2 KJV) And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. (Gen 1:3 KJV) And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.
3. Darkness is a place for evil doers to hide. (Job 34:22 KJV) There is no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.
4. However, darkness does not hide one from God.
 1. (Psa 139:11 KJV) If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. (Psa 139:12 KJV) Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.
 2. (Dan 2:22 KJV) He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.
5. Darkness was thought of as a curse. Thus the Old Testament speaks of death as a land of darkness.
 1. (Job 10:21 KJV) Before I go whence I shall not return, even to the land of darkness and the shadow of death; (Job 10:22 KJV) A land of darkness, as darkness itself; and of the shadow of death, without any order, and where the light is as darkness.
 2. (Job 17:13 KJV) If I wait, the grave is mine house: I have made my bed in the darkness.
 3. (Psa 88:6 KJV) Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps.
6. Darkness is frequently associated with supernatural events involving the judgment of God, such as the plagues of Egypt (Ex. 10:21), the coming of the Lord (Isa. 13:9-10; Joel 2:31; Matt. 24:29), and Christ's crucifixion (Matt. 27:45).
7. The day of God's judgment is often described as a day of darkness (Joel 2:2; Amos 5:18-20).
8. In the New Testament, the place of punishment for humans and sinful angels is designated "the outer darkness."
 1. (Mat 8:12 KJV) But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (Mat 22:13 KJV) Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
 2. (Mat 25:30 KJV) And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there

- shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
3. (2 Pet 2:4 KJV) For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;
 4. (Jude 1:6 KJV) And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.
 5. (Jude 1:13 KJV) Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.
9. Darkness often has an ethical sense. Scripture speaks of:
1. Ways of darkness.
 1. (Prov 2:13 KJV) Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;
 2. (Prov 4:19 KJV) The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.
 2. Walking in darkness.
 1. (John 8:12 KJV) 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.
 2. (2 Cor 6:14 KJV) Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?
 3. (Eph 5:8 KJV) For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:
 4. (1 John 1:6 KJV) If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:
 3. Works of darkness (Rom. 13:12; Eph. 5:11).
10. In this ethical sense God has no darkness in Himself. (1 John 1:5 KJV) This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.
11. Powers hostile to God can be termed darkness. People thus face a choice of whether to yield allegiance to God or to darkness.
1. (Luke 22:53 KJV) When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.
 2. (John 1:5 KJV) And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.
 3. (John 3:19 KJV) And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.
 4. (Col 1:13 KJV) Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:
 5. (1 Th 5:5 KJV) Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

12. ***Darkness also symbolizes ignorance, especially of God and of God's ways.***
1. (Isa 8:22 KJV) And they shall look unto the earth; and behold trouble and darkness, dimness of anguish; and they shall be driven to darkness.
 2. (Isa 9:2 KJV) The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.
 3. (John 12:46 KJV) I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.
 4. (Acts 26:18 KJV) To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.
 5. (1 Th 5:4 KJV) But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.
 6. (1 John 2:9 KJV) He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.

Light

Light represents truth, glory, enlightenment, understanding.

Light reveals, makes manifest, exposes.

(Col 1:13 KJV) Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

13. ***God's deliverance*** (either from ignorance or hostile powers) is described as lighting the darkness.
1. (Isa 9:2 KJV) The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.
 2. (Isa 29:18 KJV) And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness.
 3. (Isa 42:7 KJV) To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.
 4. (Isa 42:8 KJV) I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.
 5. (Isa 42:9 KJV) Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.
 6. (Isa 42:10 KJV) Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof.
 7. (Isa 42:11 KJV) Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar doth inhabit: let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains.
 8. (Isa 42:12 KJV) Let them give glory unto the LORD, and declare his praise in the islands. (Isa 42:13 KJV) The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir

up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies. (Isa 42:14 KJV) I have long time holden my peace; I have been still, and refrained myself: now will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once. (Isa 42:15 KJV) I will make waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I will make the rivers islands, and I will dry up the pools. (Isa 42:16 KJV) And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.

9. (Micah 7:8 KJV) Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD shall be a light unto me.
10. (1 Pet 2:9 KJV) But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

Other Scriptures:

14. (2 Pet 1:19 KJV) We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:
15. (2 Tim 1:10 KJV) But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:
16. (Col 1:12 KJV) Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:
17. (1 Cor 4:5 KJV) Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.
18. (2 Cor 4:4 KJV) In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.
19. (2 Cor 4:6 KJV) 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.
20. (Acts 26:18 KJV) To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.
21. (Acts 26:23 KJV) That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should show light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.