

MEDITATION ON THE DARKNESS OF LIGHT

O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.

2Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: (Ps 104:1-2)

The underlined phrase has caught my attention this morning as I meditate on light being like a garment. Is there something here for me?

A garment can either conceal or reveal. It covers us, therefore concealing, as the Muslim woman dons her burka and headpiece, leaving only her eyes exposed. But a garment can also reveal. Our apparel tells something of our character, our station in life, and may reveal the part of the world in which we live.

Is light like a garment? We are well acquainted with the way light reveals and the Bible is full of such references. But, can light conceal? In other words, is there a darkness to light?

From the scientific world we know some facts about light that help to answer this question. Our human eye can only absorb a portion of the light that surrounds us. This is called the visible light spectrum; the implication being that there is light around us that is invisible. The Bible has something to say about this darkness of light:

Luke 11:35 Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness.

I must seek to absorb all the light available to me by a continual walking in the light. (1 Jn. 1:7)

Another example of light producing darkness we find in the natural phenomenon of an eclipse. The light is obstructed. The Bible addresses this hindrance.

Matthew 6:23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great *is* that darkness!

As the moon may obscure the light from the sun, so my sin and my iniquity may block the light, with the resulting danger found in:

John 3:19. . . and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

Also, for us to see images, light enters through the eye but images must be interpreted by the brain. If our brain is defective, or the pathway from eye to brain interrupted, we will not see.

John 1:5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

Finally, there is a light that temporarily blinds. It appears suddenly and unexpectedly. It is searching and penetrating and persistent. This light searches out darkness and destroys the power of it. Paul encountered this light on the way to Damascus, “fell to the earth” and was forever changed. This light was very God Himself.

1 John 1:5 God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

Back to the question, is light like a garment? Just as I choose my apparel each day, can I choose to put on “light”? The answer is a resounding “Yes”! Believers are commanded to put on the Lord Jesus Christ. (Rom 13:14)

Is this matchless, indestructible, garment of unsurpassed beauty in your closet?