

BEING FILLED WITH LIGHT - 3/14/21

Today we want to talk on the subject of light. God is light. In him there is no darkness at all, as it says in 1 Jn. 1:5.

Light makes everything clear. It uncovers what is hidden or obscure. Light is truth. It reveals everything. We want to be filled with light. In God there is no darkness, no confusion, no gloom.

God wants us to be filled with his light, with his truth. He wants us to see everything very clearly in his light. Let's read Luke 11:35:

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

When we do not see things properly, we stumble. Darkness distorts and covers the true meaning of something. But light reveals things as they really are. Light is truth. God is light.

The unredeemed are called the children of darkness. They love a lie, and hate the truth. They are following Satan, who is the prince of darkness. But God's people are called the children of light. They love the truth, the light. They love the Lord.

The first thing we hear about God in the Bible, is His declaration: let there be light, and there was light.

Gen. 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. Light reveals, clarifies, exposes, gives direction, shows the true situation. We want to be the children of light, and love the light. The unredeemed are the children of darkness, they love a lie, like their father the devil.

Where are you Adam?

Let's go back to our first parents, Adam and Eve. The God of light had said to them... do not eat of the fruit of this particular tree.

But the Prince of darkness said, O, this will make you like gods. They listened to him, and received his fallen, corrupt nature.

The Lord came looking for them: Adam where are you? He was hiding. This is the problem with fallen nature... hiding, covering, excusing... living in the dark. But only an honest confession brings release.

God wants our whole being to be full of light.

Many hide, cover, retreat, make excuses, defend, deny their problems. Then they never have them solved. God is calling mankind out of their hiding places, to face the light and have new breakthroughs. This brings release from bondages and unhappiness. Adam where are you?

Problem of Denial

King Saul was a man who lived in darkness. He would never face his circumstances. He always made excuses. He would only tell half truths. In 1 Samuel 10:22, when they were looking for Saul and could not find him, the Lord said. "he hath hid himself among the stuff."

This statement reveals the nature and character of King Saul. Hiding among stuff - he was always living under a cover. Never transparent.

In 1 Samuel 15:3, God commanded Saul to totally wipe out the Amalekites. He was commanded to not even spare any of the animals. So what did you do? In chapter 15:9:

1 Sam 15:9 But Saul and the people spared [King] Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them:

15:13-22 parts: “And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said to him, Blessed be thou of the LORD: I have performed the commandment of the LORD.

And Samuel said, No you have not! What are these sheep and oxen that I hear? And Saul said, the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God;

Samuel replied: Why did you not obey the voice of the LORD, but take the spoil, and do evil in the sight of the LORD?

And Saul said unto Samuel, Yes, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me .

Yes, they did destroy all the Amalekites, but he spared the King, the worst one of all. He also spared all the sheep and oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD, which the Lord told them absolutely not to do.

Samuel replied: Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD?... to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.” 1 Samuel 15:13-22,

Saul would never make a clear admission of his sin - he always made excuses, rationalizations, and denials. His heart was full of darkness.

No release until someone admits his faults and sins

Saul lived a life of denial. He always did things his own way. He could never admit his faults. Several verses in 2 Tim. 2:25-26 tell us that Satan holds people in bondage because they will not admit their faults. But can recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, by acknowledging the truth;

“In meekness instructing those who oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; ... that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.” Satan controls people and keeps them in bondage, because they refuse to confess their faults or sins.

But God shows mercy to those who humble themselves, and acknowledge their faults and sins. We see this illustrated in Lev. 26:40-41:

In these verses, God looked ahead and saw the future backsliding of Israel. They would be sent into exile, in captivity for all their sins. God is saying: if they will humble themselves, and confess their iniquities, and that they have walked contrary to my ways, and they accept their punishment, I will forgive them, and return them to their homeland from captivity. READ:

“If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass that they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary unto me; And I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their un-circumcised hearts be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity: Then will I remember my covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and I will remember the land.” Leviticus 26:40-42, KJV.

Remember, God only gives grace to the humble, but he resists the proud. 1 Peter 5:5 says: ...Yes , all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.”

Grace only given as we acknowledge truth. The truth about ourself. The Key is a willingness to acknowledge our faults, our weaknesses.

David prayed: “Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” Psalms 139:23-24.

We do not know our hearts. Lord, fill my whole being with light, with truth. Search every area my heart, shine your light, discover my hidden needs, and cleanse me.

Prov. 28:13 warns: He that covers his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesses and forsakes them, shall have mercy.

**Satan is very powerful where he is well hidden. He thrives in darkness.
He controls people who love darkness rather than light
Who are Serving two masters... Living a double life**

Many Christians look at Pornography on the Internet - it is diabolical, Many are unable to turn it off. And they keep this sin under cover.

What we practice continually, we become addicted to. Christians need to bring these things of darkness, into the light.

The real problem

There is no shame in having weaknesses, we all have them; the real problem is in hiding them and never admitting them, especially when God is speaking repeatedly to us to deal with it, and offering his grace to help us

The only condemnation. Jn 3:19-21

“And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.”

Here is the only real condemnation: not that mankind has problems and sins, but that God has offered the remedy, but people ignore the remedy. This is the condemnation, that light has come, but men preferred darkness.

Let's go back to the first question God asked fallen man: Adam where are you? He was hiding, he was covering his sin, afraid to face the light!

Let's ask God to speak to every dark area of our heart, let there be light! Search me oh God, know my heart, see if there be any wicked way in me. Cleanse me thoroughly.

Lord, we love the light. You are the light, You are the truth. Your word is truth. Search out every dark area in my heart, Bring me to full light!

Several years ago I heard a prophecy that said this: "I will expose you, but it shall not be unto death, but unto life."

When God exposes hidden needs in our heart, it is not to injure us or hurt us, but to help us and bring release, new life and joy, and understanding. It is to bring new blessing to our lives.

Also, walking in the light brings unity

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7, KJV.

Lord, fill us with light! Expel all darkness. In the name of Jesus. Amen