

## **“WHEN DARKNESS IS FOUND IN YOUR LIGHT”**

computation or reasoning which are thoughts which result in considerations and intentions which are hostile to the Gospel.

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### **“FINDING THE ANSWER”**

VII. The Church is literally snared by the effect of “vain imaginations” in the form of thoughts based on their on fancy and false notions.

A. These “ideas” are causing Christians to rise up in “self life” and exalt themselves against God.

1. God has an answer against these uncrucified thoughts and unsanctified attitudes that are attracting evil spirits and causing many believers to fall victim to “darkness.”

### **“THE WORD DISPELS DARKNESS AS NOTHING ELSE CAN”**

B. The Word of God is all important in our lives because it dispels darkness in our hearts by bringing light.

1. The Spirit through Paul admonishes us in Eph.5:8: **“For you were once darkness, but now [you are] light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.**
  - a. We are shown this in 2 Cor. 4:6 which states, **“For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shone in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”**
2. In 1 Th. 5:4 we are told: **“He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed [us] into the kingdom of the Son of His love.”**
  - a. There can be little doubt that “darkness” has no power over the believer unless the believer gives sway to it.
  - b. This is supported by the Word in Luke 11:35: **“Therefore (you) take heed that the light which is in you is not darkness.”**

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- c. The believer’s problem is based on Mat. 6:23: **“But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great [is] that darkness!”**
3. Please remember, anytime knowledge (thoughts) truthful or not, are brought to an understanding , the intents of the heart changes accordingly.
4. Let’s go back and look at 2 Cor. 10:4, **“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds.”**
5. Now that we recognize the fact that untruthful negative knowledge coaxes the intent of the heart, and will change our hearts into a place of darkness.

### **“WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE”**

- C. We as believers must know the “weapons of our warfare” and how to use them.
1. The God given weapon is the ability of the believer to consider the words (seeds) they receive, discern the source, and act accordingly before the seeds have a chance to change the heart.
  2. Just as God gave Adam dominion over the garden so has God given us dominion over the words that are planted in the garden of our heart.
  3. The best revelation concerning the power of the believer to stop “darkness” and keep it from going into the heart was shared with me by a Christian friend.
  4. Below is the “vision” God gave my friend word for word.

### **“THE GATEWAY”**

5. *God spoke and said: “Your mind is the gateway to your soul. If you allow clutter in the gate (mind), your mind will be cluttered. If you*

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*allow peaceful, harmonious thoughts in your gate, you will have a peaceful, harmonious mind. You need to filter everything that shows up at your gate! Make a ruling that nothing will enter or pass through without a key. The key being a discernment: ‘is this what God said and does this line up with His Words?’ If it doesn’t, do not let it pass! Make a decision, that only pure things will be allowed to enter. Take note of how you feel when you see something standing there that is not lovely. Force yourself to examine everything that is sent to your gate! If it doesn’t belong inside, run it off with an intense fervor. Be determined that no matter how tantalizing it may appear to look, it will not deceive you into allowing it to come in. Keep yourself inside the light, and the darkness will not deceive you, and it can’t come in. Devote yourself to keeping My (God’s) temple clean!*

6. When the word says to bring every thought into captivity; this simply means to take every vain thought captive as prisoner, and jail it!
7. In Jer. 4:14 the Word says, **“O Jerusalem wash thine heart from wickedness that thou mayest be saved. . .”**
  - a. What did the Prophet mean when he said, **“wash thine heart from wickedness?”** How can a person wash their heart?
  - b. The answer is found in the second part of Jer. 4:14 when the Prophet says, **“how long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee?”**
  - c. The above verse proves that vain thoughts (imagination) that lodge as strongholds in the heart, cause it to become wicked (darkened).
8. God does have an answer and it is found in Eph. 5:26-27, **“That he might sanctify and cleanse it (heart of Church) with the washing of water by the word, V27, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but**

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**that it should be holy and without blemish.”**

- a. The believer that walks through this world defiles himself with bad seed (untested idealism) brought to wickedness (darkness) in his heart, and that believer must clean himself or herself.
- b. This type of cleansing of the heart can only take place when a person is willing to renew their mind with the gospel of Christ.
- c. The Word cleanses our hearts so that the stronghold (darkness) is dispelled and the intent of our heart changed. (John 13:3-17)

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## **“FINDING THE ANSWER - DISCOVERING THE PROBLEM”**

### **“PETER’S DENIAL OF JESUS”**

VIII. A good example for us to look at is that of Satan having access to the carnal side of human nature as seen in Peter’s denial of Jesus.

A. It is obvious that Peter failed, but what caused his failure when he denied the Lord?

1. We know that Jesus had predicted accurately that Peter would deny Him three times.
2. Peter’s actions that night were not a manifestation of fear. Peter was not fearful by nature.
  - a. No, human fear did not cause Peter to deny the Lord. Peter’s denial was satanically induced.
3. Sometimes before this event Jesus had warned the apostle, **“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen you brothers”**. (Luke 22:31-32).
4. This is important, please receive this, Peter had an “area of darkness” in