

“WHEN DARKNESS IS FOUND IN YOUR LIGHT”

8. There is another truth we need to mention concerning a man who’s “house” is unoccupied, swept, and put in order and decorated.
 - a. It sounds like this “cleaning of the house” is a self induced effort by the man of the house (soul) to clean up his act.
 - b. Certainly that a good idea, but it won’t work as long as the house (soul) is unoccupied.
 - c. When we clean our souls of strongholds we must allow God’s furniture to replace our own self made furniture.
 - d. This furniture that I am speaking of is made of “construction material” consisting of our thoughts from a person operating with the “mind of Christ.”

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“WISDOM OF DARKNESS – EARTHLY - NATURAL - DEMONIC”

“LEGAL ACCESS TO DWELL IN DARKNESS”

- VI. As already discussed in a previous lesson, evil spirits search for “a house” to reside in.
 - A. When evil spirits find a “house” to reside in, it is a built by demonically inspired patterns of thinking in the souls of men and women.
 1. In fact, it is a “house of thoughts” that becomes a stronghold for demons to live in and work out of!
 - a. This “house of thoughts” results in evil spirits supporting our uncrucified thoughts and unsanctified attitudes arising from our carnal thought life.
 2. Hear me! Satan has a legal access to dwell in this domain of darkness.
 3. The devil can traffic in any area of darkness, even the darkness that exists in a Christian’s heart.
 4. In James 3:14-15 the above statement is confirmed, **“But if you have**

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- bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. V15, This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic.”**
5. In Romans 1:21 we are told the reason as to why the Christian’s heart is dark, **“Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.”** Why?
- a. In verse 21 we read that this person “knew” God, refused to glorify Him, and was unthankful.
 - b. The reason why a Christian heart becomes darkened is because their thoughts became *vain in their imaginations*.
 - c. And this vain imagination is nothing more than “idealism” producing thoughts based on their on fancy and false notions.
 - d. These vain imaginations were the beginnings of “strongholds” being formed in their mind.
 - e. The end result of all of the above is that, ***“their foolish heart was darkened.”***
 - f. Another way of saying this is found in Eph.4:18, **“Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness (darkness) of their heart.”**
6. If *vain imaginations* lead to strongholds in the person’s mind then what exactly are vain imaginations.
- a. In 2 Cor. 10:5 we read, **“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”**
 - b. The Greek word for imaginations is Logismos and means

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

“FINDING THE ANSWER”

- 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.”**
 - 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. I 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.”**