

SUNDAY—OCTOBER 29

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING: John 3:19-36

MARK IF READ \*BONUS\* PROVERBS 29 PSALM 141-145

JOHN 3:19

And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

This is one of the major images used in this gospel (John 1:4-13). Why will sinners not come into the "light of life"? Because they love the darkness! They want to persist in their evil deeds, and this keeps them from coming to the light, for the closer the sinner gets to the light, the more his sins are exposed. It is not "intellectual problems" that keep people from trusting Christ; it is the moral and spiritual blindness that keeps them loving the darkness and hating the light. Nicodemus finally did "come to the light." He was in the "midnight of confusion" (John 3:1-21), but eventually he came out into the "sunlight of confession" when he identified with Christ at Calvary (John 19:38-42).

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MONDAY—OCTOBER 23

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Peter 2

☐ MARK IF READ \*BONUS\* ☐ PROVERBS 23 ☐ PSALM 111-115

2 PETER 2:3

*And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.*

Peter was warning the brethren to watch out for leaders who would use them for their own benefit. Sometimes Satan gets in the head of proud leaders influencing them to do what they do for personal exaltation. They begin to manipulate simple followers so they can be magnified. First of all, be wise to that. You don't want to be under that type of influence. It is very dangerous. Secondly, determine by God's grace not to be that type of person. Don't allow yourself to be swayed by covetousness. Power and authority are not all they are cracked up to be. If God gives you opportunity to lead others, that is a gift of grace. Use your influence wisely for God's purpose and for God's glory. Love the people the Lord has blessed you with the privilege of serving. They are Christ's, not yours.

QUESTIONS

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JOHN 3:8

*The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.*

It is likely that the evening wind was blowing just then as Nicodemus and Jesus sat on the housetop conversing. One of the symbols of the Spirit of God in the Bible is the wind or breath (Job 33:4; John 20:22; Acts 2:2). Like the wind, the Spirit is invisible but powerful, and you cannot explain or predict the movements of the wind. One cannot see the wind, but you can see the affects of the wind. So is it with the born again believer. We cannot see the Spirit of God in our lives, but we should be able to see the affects of His presence. What visible demonstration of the Lord is present in your life. Do people see that the Spirit of God is transforming your life? Is he leading you?

QUESTIONS

12. What needs to happen in order for a person to see the kingdom of God? \_\_\_\_\_
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JOHN 2:11

*This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.*

The fact that this was “the beginning of miracles” declares as false the stories about the miracles performed by Jesus when He was an infant or a young child. They are nothing but superstitious fables and ought to be rejected by anyone who accepts the authority of the Bible. This miracle did something for His disciples. It revealed His glory (John 1:14) and gave them a stronger foundation for their faith. Though miracles alone are insufficient evidence for declaring Jesus to be the Son of God, the cumulative effect of miracle after miracle would convince them of His deity. Over the months, their faith deepened as they got to know Jesus better.

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2 PETER 3:9

*The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

The word “slack” means “late” or “tardy.” God is never late. He is always on time. He may not seem to be on time according to our plans, but He is always right on schedule. It is important to remember that God loves the entire world and does not desire that ANYONE die and go to Hell. We say that we don’t want people to go to Hell, but what do we do about it. In John 3:16, Jesus used the same word “perish.” He gave His life by dying on the cross so that His dear creation would not have to suffer in eternity. What effort have you put forth to demonstrate your concern for the condemnation of the lost?

QUESTIONS

- 3. How will the day of the Lord come? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Who did Peter refer to as his brother? \_\_\_\_\_
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JOHN 1:12

*But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*

Of all the “gifts” that God has ever offered to His creation, the greatest of all is the gift of Himself. Jesus Christ is the greatest gift mankind has ever been given. Think of all the wonderful things we enjoy as a part of the gift of Christ. When we RECEIVE that gift, it opens up a whole new world. Believers are empowered with the DNA of God. He becomes our Father and we become His sons with all the rights and privileges that come with being an heir! The power to become God’s son is an amazing power. It enters us into a spiritual family with spiritual brothers and sisters that are their to help, encourage, and comfort! “I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God!”

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- 6. What man was sent from God? \_\_\_\_\_
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JOHN 1:29

*The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*

The people of Israel were familiar with lambs for the sacrifices. At Passover, each family had to have a lamb, and during the year, two lambs a day were sacrificed at the temple altar, plus all the other lambs brought for personal sacrifices. Those lambs were brought by men to men, but here is God’s Lamb, given by God to men! Those lambs could not take away sin, but the Lamb of God can take away sin. Those lambs were for Israel alone, but this Lamb would shed His blood for the whole world! God chose to portray Himself on Earth as such a humble and submissive creature. What an example He was to us. We should be willing to present our lives a LIVING sacrifice not only to God but to others for God. As God’s sheep, let’s point people to the Lamb of God!

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