

The Fire and Darkness of God

Because of repeated teaching which has reinforced previous information, we have been indoctrinated into the belief that darkness represents evil and fire represents hell. This has coloured or blurred the way we read scripture references so that we have missed something of God's nature and his environment.

Actually, darkness and fire both represent the presence of God as much as smoke, cloud, thunder and lightning do¹, and they have been so from the very beginning. This means we need to reassess some of our beliefs and also restructure some of our spiritual understanding.

Here are some references to help unravel our misconceptions.

Abraham met God in thick darkness	Genesis 15:12-13
There was thick darkness on Mt Sinai where God was.	Exodus 20:21; Deuteronomy 4:11
God has darkness under him.	2 Samuel 22:10; Psalm 18:9
God surrounds himself in darkness.	2 Samuel 22:12; Psalm 18:11, 97:2
God dwells in thick darkness.	1 Kings 8:11-12 (ISV)
God created darkness, which preceded evil.	Isaiah 45:7; Genesis 1:1
Darkness represents God's mysteries/secrets.	Daniel 2:20-22; Psalm 18:11; [<i>Genesis 1:2,4</i>]
God's darkness can be felt.	Exodus 10:21
God led the Israelites out of Egypt in a pillar of fire and smoke.	Exodus 14:24; 13:21
God protected the Israelites from The Egyptians with his darkness.	Exodus 14:20
Both fire and darkness were on Mt Sinai where God was.	Deuteronomy 5:23
Fire and cloud are a covering over the glory of Mt Zion.	Isaiah 4:5
There is fire in Heaven.	Ezekiel 28:14, 16
God works with fire.	Deuteronomy 4:36
God has a fiery throne.	Daniel 7:9-10

The important points from these references are:

1. Darkness and fire indicate the presence of God, just as much as light and love do.
2. Darkness was originally created, so it has a purpose – it was not just the absence of light.
3. Darkness is representative of the mysteries or secrets of God.

With #3 in mind we must take the opportunity to remind ourselves that we are the stewards of the mysteries of God², that we have the privilege to know the mysteries of the Kingdom³ and that as kings on the Earth, our good pleasure is to search out the mysteries of God⁴. These mysteries are not the missing OT prophetic records⁵ or lost NT epistles. They are not just the hidden information that Daniel and John were asked to seal up.⁶ They are not just what's locked up and hidden from our spiritual eyes in the Bible, because there are so many secrets that the Bible couldn't contain them. These are the secrets/mysteries about the godhead, the Kingdom of Heaven, the universe, and much, much more.

It is very interesting to note that the revelation of mysteries has personally come to my attention in recent times. In late 2014 I was asked to give a prophetic word to a person and the theme of the message I was

1 – See Ezekiel and Revelation

2 – 1 Corinthians 4:1

3 – Matthew 13:11

4 – Proverbs 25:2

5 – e.g. 1 Chronicles 29:29

6 – Daniel 12:4 & Revelation 10:4

given for them has stuck in my mind ever since. The Lord had commissioned this elderly person in their quiet, latter years to begin seeking him for his mysteries and to release an understanding of them to the worldwide church. How fabulous is that for us.

In this Age of Sonship we should all start enquiring of the Lord, asking him to reveal his mysteries to us – he really wants to do that and it would give him great pleasure to reveal them to any and all of Father's sons.

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