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Colors

Light and Righteousness

In the beginning when God created the heaven and the earth, he made a distinction between light and darkness: Gen. 1:3-5 "And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day."

Next, we read of a prophecy of the Lord where he is compared to the light of the morning: 2 Sam. 23:4 "And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain."

In addition, the Lord is compared to our light (righteousness) and our salvation: Psa. 27:1 "A Psalm of David. The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

Moreover, the next several verses of scripture show forth the relationship between light and righteousness:

1. Ps. 37:6 "And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday."
2. Ps. 97:11 "Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart."
3. Ps. 112:4 "Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous."
4. Prov. 4:18 "But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."
5. Prov. 6:23 "For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:"
6. Prov. 13:9 "The light of the righteous rejoiceth: but the lamp of the wicked shall be put out."
7. Is. 42:6 "I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;"
8. Is. 51:4 "Hearken unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: for a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment to rest for a light of the people."

9. Is. 58:8 "Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy reward."

10. Hosea 6:5 "Therefore have I hewed them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth: and thy judgments are as the light that goeth forth."

In Matthew 17:2 the righteousness of Christ is associated with both white and light: "And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light."

In John, Christ is described as the light (righteousness) of men and the lighter (giver of righteousness) of men: John 1:4 "In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

Moreover, in Romans we are told to cast off the works of sin and put on the armour of righteousness: Rom. 13:12 "The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light."

Light and darkness or righteousness and unrighteousness cannot have fellowship with one another: 2 Cor. 6:14 "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?"

Satan is a counterfeiter and he attempts to counterfeit the righteousness of God in religious circles: 2 Cor. 11:14 "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."

Finally, we read that Christ is the Sun of Righteousness: Mal. 4:2 "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall."