

Ezekiel Ministry

Spiritual Darkness

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“Joe Biden has warned of a “dark winter” for our nation—and he’s right. But the dark winter we are facing is not due just to the coronavirus pandemic, it’s due to the moral decline of our nation and the political corruption we see throughout our country. My prayer is that truth will prevail in the political crisis that our nation is facing.” Franklin Graham

Our nation is in spiritual darkness and the only hope we have is God. He is the only one that can bring us out of this darkness. Every time I hear the news, I feel the darkness in our nation. God is dealing with me about my outreach. I have never felt the urgent need to tell as many people about Jesus Christ as I feel now. We must be in prayer about our nation’s darkness. Just what is spiritual darkness?

Spiritual darkness refers to all that is in opposition to the light of God’s love in Christ. The good news that Jesus brings to this world is that His light—His life-giving Spirit—floods light and life into the spiritual darkness of the sinner’s heart. The One who opened the eyes of the blind can also bring us out of spiritual darkness. No matter how deep the darkness, the light of God’s love and truth overcomes every sin that separates us from God.

Spiritual darkness is the state of a person who is living apart from God. The Old Testament book of Isaiah, in prophesying of the Messiah, speaks of a deep spiritual darkness that enveloped the people: “The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned” (Isaiah 9:2). This passage reappears in the New Testament, in Matthew 4:16, to announce that those who have come to know the God of Israel through His Son Jesus Christ are the ones who have been delivered from spiritual darkness and now walk in the light of God’s life.

Living in rebellion to God and His will is equivalent to living in spiritual darkness. When the Lord commissioned Paul, He said, “I am sending you to the Gentiles to open their eyes, so they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God. Then they will receive forgiveness for their sins and be given a place among God’s people, who are set apart by faith in me” (Acts 26:17–18, NLT).

God's power can turn on the lights in your life. Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk-in darkness, but will have the light of life” (John 8:12). “In him was life, and that life was the light of men” (John 1:4).

At times it seems that we are fighting a losing battle, but with God anything is possible. Satan is telling you that you cannot do anything. He is a liar. He wants to defeat **you so that you will not**

pray for the light of God in our nation. The light of Jesus Christ belongs in darkness. Please share this with your friends and family and tell them to pray.

“It is abnormal for a Christian not to have an appetite for the impossible. It has been written into our spiritual DNA to hunger for the impossibilities around us to bow at the name of Jesus.” (Bill Johnson)