MARK 16:15-20





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## DARKNESS IS SUBJECT TO THE LIGHT

Psalm 119:130 (KJV)

<sup>130</sup> The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

We know that according to science, that "light" travels at the speed of 186,282 miles per second. That's faster than most of us can comprehend. But let me ask you this. Have you ever thought about how fast "darkness" travels? Darkness doesn't move under its own power. It has no light! Darkness retreats at the SAME SPEED that light advances. Darkness only exists where there is no light because light ALWAYS overpowers darkness.

The apostle John talked about light and darkness when he wrote in: John 1:1-5 (KJV)

- <sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- <sup>2</sup> The same was in the beginning with God.
- <sup>3</sup> All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.
- <sup>4</sup> In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
- <sup>5</sup> And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

The Greek word for *comprehend* (*katalambano*) could also be translated as OVERPOWER. In that case, verse five would read like this: "And the light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overpower it." Once again, we see that darkness is subject to the light.

With that in mind, remember that Jesus said in Matthew 5:14 (KJV)

At the entrance to every house there is a light switch. When you flip the switch, the light comes on and the darkness goes away. But have you ever noticed that when you leave the room, there is not a *dark switch* that you flip to turn on the darkness as you leave? Of course not! To bring darkness back into the room, you TURN OFF THE LIGHT because light rules over darkness.

IN THE LIGHT is deliverance!
IN THE LIGHT is the power to heal!
IN THE LIGHT is the anointing!
IN THE LIGHT is the manifested power of the Word of God!

When we walk in the light and speak His Word from our hearts, darkness can't exist!

When we believe His Word and speak His Word in spite of what the senses are telling us, that's called WALKING BY FAITH!

### WALKING AND LIVING BY FAITH PLEASES GOD!

Kathy and I so appreciate your prayers and faithfulness to the ministry;
TOGETHER we are accomplishing all that God has called us to do! We call you
BLESSED IN JESUS NAME!

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Remember above all that You are Loved, You are Welcome and You Belong!

<sup>14</sup> Ye are the light of the world...." And He said, Matthew 5:16 (KJV)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.



# From "American Minute" by William J. Federer Character, religion, virtue, & moral education are necessary in a Republic

On November 18, 1992, *The New York Times* printed **Mississippi Governor Kirk Fordice's** statement: "The less we emphasize the **Christian Religion** the further we fall into the **abyss of poor character** and chaos in the United States of America."

The original draft of George Washington's Inaugural address, 1789 included the following: "Should...those incited by the lust of power and prompted by the supineness (willingness to lay down) or venality (open to bribery) of their constituents, over leap the known barriers of this Constitution and violate the unalienable rights of humanity: it will only serve to show, that no compact among men (however provident in its construction and sacred in its ratification) can be pronounced everlasting and inviolable (impenetrable)...no wall of words, that no mound of parchment can be so formed as to stand against the sweeping torrent of boundless ambition on the side, aided by the sapping current of corrupted morals on the other."

Justice Joseph Story wrote in *Commentaries on the Constitution* (Second Edition 1851): **Republics** are created by the **virtue**, public spirit, and intelligence of the citizens. They fall, when the **wise are banished** from the public councils, because they dare to be honest, and **the profligate are rewarded**, because **they flatter the people in order to betray them.**"

John Adams addressed the officers of the First Brigade of the Third Division of the Militia of Massachusetts, October 11, 1798: "While it is rioting in rapine (open violence) and insolence (insulting speech), this country will be the most miserable habitation in the world; because we have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion.

Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

The writers of the U.S. Constitution quoted **Montesquieu** more than any other source except the Bible. **Montesquieu** wrote in *The Spirit of the Laws*, Book 24: "in a **Popular state**, one spring more is **necessary**, namely **Virtue...**The politic Greeks, who lived under a **Popular government**, knew **no other support than Virtue...When Virtue is banished**, ambition invades the minds of those who are disposed to receive it, and **avarice possesses the whole community...** 

When in a **Popular government**, there is a suspension of the laws, as this can proceed only from the corruption of the republic, the state is certainly undone."

Massachusetts Governor Samuel Adams wrote February 12, 1779: "While the people are virtuous they cannot be subdued; but once they lose their virtue, they will be ready to surrender their liberties to the first external or internal invader."

Jefferson said the "best support" of good government was the "liberty to worship our Creator." He wrote to Captain John Thomas of the Newhope Baptist Church, November 18, 1807: "Among the most inestimable of our blessings is that of liberty to worship our Creator in the way we think most agreeable in His will; a liberty deemed in other countries incompatible with good government and yet approved by our experience to be its best support."

This sentiment was echoed by one of the most popular preachers in America during the Civil War era, **Henry Ward Beecher**, whose sister, **Harriett Beecher Stowe**, wrote the anti-slavery novel *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, 1852.

Henry Ward Beecher was the pastor of Brooklyn's Plymouth Church. He stated November 18, 1869: "In the unity of the nation...we hope much from religion; very little from sectarian churches; much from the Spirit of God blessing the Truth of his Word to the hearts of individual men; much from the individual men that are nobler than their sect; much from free men whose adhesion to forms and ceremonies is the least part of their existence; much from religion as it exists in its higher forms in individual nature and in public sentiment; very little from dogmas; very little from theology as such..." Beecher concluded: "Let us implore the God of our fathers, by his own wise providence, to save us from our wanton passions, from impertinent egotism, from pride, arrogance, cruelty, and sensual lusts, that as a nation we may show forth His praise in all the earth."

(To be continued next month)

#### 2 Chronicles 7:14 (KJV)

<sup>14</sup> If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land

IT IS TIME FOR CHRISTIANS TO AWAKEN AND ACT

MAY GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!