

## THE INTRODUCTION

**Psalms 139:1-12 (11) If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me," Even the night shall be light about me; (12) Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You.**

VERSE 11—where you read...

**If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me,"  
Even the night shall be light about me;**

**"Surely the darkness shall fall on me"**

### *Fall*

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall **bruise** your head, And you shall **bruise** His heel."

### *Darkness*

Exodus 10:21-23 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, darkness which may even be felt." (22) So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days. (23) They did not see one another; nor did anyone rise from his place for three days. But all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

### *The Belt of Light*

Isaiah 50:8-10 *He is near who justifies Me; Who will contend with Me? Let us stand together. Who is My adversary? Let him come near Me. (9) Surely the Lord GOD will help Me; Who is he who will condemn Me? Indeed they will all grow old like a garment; The moth will eat them up. (10) "Who among you fears the LORD? Who obeys the voice of His Servant?*

Who walks in darkness And has no light? Let him trust in the name of the LORD And rely upon his God.

## VERSE 12

**Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You,  
But the night shines as the day; The darkness  
and the light are both alike to You.**

**Darkness Hide Anything from God? –  
Impossible!**

*What if wicked men, as they open their eyes from the sleep of death, in another world, should find the universe hung round with faithful pictures of their earthly enormities, which they had supposed for ever lost in the oblivion of night! HITCHCOCK*

1 Corinthians 4:5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.

*He who sheds light on the secret things of darkness not only reveals acts done in secret, but makes manifest the counsels of the heart. What a work is here ascribed to the Lord Jesus! He will bring to light the secret acts and hidden motives of every human being. He will exercise the prerogative of judging the heart and conscience; a prerogative which none but an omniscient being can rightfully claim or possibly exercise. HODGE*

## WHY?

*(T)his last clause being a special Hebrew idiom meaning that one is just like the other; it makes no difference which; all is the same with God. COWLES*

## FOUR UNDERSTANDINGS

**First, your...**

John 3:17-20 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. (18) "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (19) And this is the condemnation, that the light has come

into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. (20) For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

*That which often favors the escape of a pursued criminal, and the retreat of a beaten army (that is darkness), will do me no kindness in fleeing from them (the guilt and judgment of my sins). HENRY*

Job 24:15 The eye of the adulterer waits for the twilight, Saying, 'No eye will see me'; And he disguises his face.

Matthew 5:28 But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

*All purposes are as fully known to God before, as after they are carried out. There is no greater infatuation, than that which leads us to act as if God did not see and remember. PLUMER*

Proverbs 16:6 In mercy and truth Atonement is provided for iniquity; And by the fear of the LORD one departs from evil.

**Secondly, your...**

### ***Acts of Faith***

Exodus 12:23 For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you.

### ***Acts of Charity***

Matthew 6:1-4 "Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. (2) Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. (3) But when you do a

charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, (4) that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.

Isaiah 58:10 If you extend your soul to the hungry And satisfy the afflicted soul, Then your light shall dawn in the darkness, And your darkness shall be as the noonday.

**Thirdly, the...**

Micah 7:8 Do not rejoice over me, my enemy; When I fall, I will arise; When I sit in darkness, The LORD will be a light to me.

**Fourthly, the...**

He sees the tear shed in the heat of the day and on the pillow at night.

Isaiah 65:24 "It shall come to pass That before they call, I will answer; And while they are still speaking, I will hear.

*Darkness may, indeed, conceal us and our deeds from the sight of men; but the divine presence, like that of the sun, turns night into day, and makes all things manifest before God. The same consideration which should restrain us from sin, should also encourage us to work righteousness, and comfort us under all our sorrows; namely, the thought that we are never out of the sight and protection of our Maker. HORNE*

Daniel 2:22 ...reveals deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, And light dwells with Him.

*Should I involve myself around  
With clouds of tenfold night  
The clouds would shine like blazing noon  
Before thy piercing sight.*

*The beams of noon, the midnight hour  
Are both alike to thee  
O may I ne'er provoke that Power  
From which I cannot flee!*