

**I. THEOPHANIES**

- A. What are theophanies? A theophany is a manifestation or appearance of God to man. God revealing God to humans. What does God look like? We will get to see God's face (Rev. 22:4).
- B. Theophanies affect the way we think about God. This affects the way we pray and the way we live. When we peer into the spiritual realm, it gives us a different perspective on life. The study of God is immensely practical. The study and contemplation of God is the highest occupation of the human heart and mind.
- A. W. Tozer (The Knowledge of the Holy): "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us."*
- C. Those who encounter God often experience the light that surrounds Him (Dan. 10:; Eze. 10:4; Rev. 4).

**II. GOD IS THE FATHER OF LIGHTS**

- A. The first act of God as Creator was to call light into being and separate it from the darkness. It reflects who He is.
- Gen. 1:3-4 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.***
- B. God is surrounded by light and He is clothed in light.
1. God's light is related to the fire that people often experience when they encounter God.
2. The light surrounding God speaks of His beauty, holiness, and purity.
- Psalm 104:2 Who cover Yourself with light as with a garment, Who stretch out the heavens like a curtain.***
- 1 Timothy 6:16 who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.***
- James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.***
- C. God is light. By His nature, God is light and there is no darkness in Him at all.
- 1 John 1:5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.***

- D. Jesus Christ, the Son of God is light.

*Matthew 17:2 and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.*

*John 8:12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."*

*John 9:5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."*

*Habakkuk 3:4 His brightness was like the light; He had rays flashing from His hand, And there His power was hidden.*

*Acts 9:3 As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. (c.f. Acts 22:6; 26:13)*

### III. GOD RELATES TO US IN THE MANIFESTATION OF HIS LIGHT

- A. God desires for us to live in His light.

*Numbers 6:25 The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you.*

*Psalms 4:6 There are many who say, "Who will show us any good?" Lord, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us (c.f. Psa. 44:3; 76:4; 89:15).*

- B. As we gaze upon and behold God's beauty, we receive revelation of God and we will be transformed into the likeness of God.

*Psalms 36:9 For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.*

*2 Cor. 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

- C. God is light (1 John 1:5). We are to v. 7 walk in the light.

*1 John 1:5-7 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.*

### IV. WALKING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

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We cannot live without light. It reveals the truth, it exposes impurity. It fascinates us with beauty.

- A. Have fellowship with one another. We are to love the brethren (1 John 3:23). Those who do abide in the light by loving brother (2:10). Those who do not lie and are in darkness (2:9, 11).
1. Our life is to be marked by good works, love and witness to the world.  
*Matthew 5:14-16 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. <sup>16</sup> Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*  
  
*2 Corinthians 6:14 Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?*  
  
*1 John 2:9-10 He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. <sup>10</sup> He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him.*
- B. Acknowledge the blood of Jesus Christ that cleanses us from all sin.
1. We cannot pretend that we have no sin. (v. 8, 10). We must acknowledge it.
  2. We must confess our sins (v. 9). There is nothing that can be hidden in God's light.  
*1 John 1:7-9 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*
- C. Let truth abide in you (2:24; 5:6).
1. Receive revelation of who Jesus Christ is and believe upon Him to receive life (3:23-4:3).
  2. Truth is a person, namely, Jesus Christ.  
*John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*  
  
*2 Corinthians 4:6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*
- D. Watch and be sober because Jesus is returning soon. Know the truth and pray.  
*1 Thessalonians 5:5-6 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. <sup>6</sup> Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.*
- E. Receive God's Protection for you.

***2 Corinthians 11:14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.***

***Psalms 27:1 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?***

***Romans 13:12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.***

## **V. CONCLUSION**

A. In the age to come, we will live in the light of God.

***Revelation 22:5 There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.***

***Revelation 21:23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.***