

WORKS

Part 2

The Kinds of Work

“Works of The Darkness”

Rom. 13:8-12

INTRODUCTION

There is a movie that was made some years ago called “They Live”. In the movie, a resistance movement fights against an invasion of aliens who have taken over the world. The aliens mode of operation was to cloak themselves in human flesh as they carried out their running of the world. They controlled all of the media, governmental and commercial enterprises. The only clue that anything was amiss was seen in those who possessed a special pair of glasses.

Talien'shese glasses caused one to see the difference between the aliens and humans. Satan works in a similar way today. He operates an organization of operatives whose main goal is to unite the world under his principles. No one can see his operatives operating the vast World System behind the scenes. Many of the works of fallen mankind can be attributed to this darkness. Today, we will consider the works of darkness and their effect in the world.

I. DARKNESS IS SEEN IN SCRIPTURE AS THE ORGANIZED OPPOSITION THAT WORKS BEHIND THE SCENES TO UNDERMINE GOD’S PLAN AND PURPOSES.

A. The word darkness has different uses in Scripture.

1. The word for darkness is used in the original language with an article (the) making the term emphatic thereby denoting a particular entity.
2. “The darkness” is used in Scripture to refer to the characteristic of the place of ultimate punishment. Matt. 8:12; 22:13; 2 Pet. 2:17; Jude 13
 - a) The word “outer” darkness refers to a place of eternal judgment which is the furthest destination outside of God’s presence. cf. Matt. 8:12
 - b) The word is also used to emphasize the judgment of darkness to whom the rebellious are currently housed. cf. Jude 1:6,13
 - (1) “The darkness” is characterized as the unbelieving world of mankind. 1 John 1:5
 - (2) “The darkness” is used as the opposite of light. 2 Co. 6:14; Eph. 5:8
3. The word for “the darkness” is skotia, which in its moral sense denotes **Satan’s organized among fallen mankind who are continuously working behind the scenes to undermine God’s plan and purposes.** cf. 1st Co. 2:7-8

- a) The Lord appeared to Paul for the purpose of using him to turn men from the darkness. Acts 26:18
- b) “The darkness” is used to emphasize the absence of spiritual insight. Matt. 6:23

II. THE DARKNESS AFFECT THOSE WHO IT ENCOMPASSES.

- A. “The darkness” affects the bearings of the one who walks in it. John 12:35
- B. Men love “the darkness” more than they love “the light”. John 3:19
- C. Association with “the darkness” produces a silent hatred for those in “the light”. 1 John 2:9-11
 - 1. “The darkness” can lead believers around. 1 John 2:11
 - 2. “The darkness” blinds the eyes (to blunt the mental discernment, darken the mind – Joseph Thayer) of believers. 1 John 2:11

III. THE EXTENT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF “THE DARKNESS” IS OUTLINED IN SCRIPTURE.

- A. Darkness has rulers that govern it. Eph. 6:12; Dan. 10:12-13; 1 Co. 2:6-8
- B. The organized darkness abhors light.
 - 1. They cannot comprehend (grasp with the mind) it. John 1:5
 - 2. Their evil works repel against it. John 3:19
- C. “The darkness” has hidden things -- pertaining to ***not being able to be known, in view of the fact that it has been kept secret*** – Louw-Nida. 1 Co. 4:5 cf. 2 Co. 4:2
- D. Darkness has works associated with it. Eph. 5:11; Rom. 13:12
 - 1. The works produced by darkness are unfruitful -- ***barren of what should be produced; unproductive***. Cf. Matt. 13:22 (caused by the cares of this life);
 - 2. The works produced by darkness are evil. cf. 1 John 3:12; 2 Ti. 4:14; John 7:7; 3:19

CONCLUSION