

SUN MOON AND STARS

Text: Genesis 1: 14-16

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God said let there be lights in the firmament. The Sun, the Moon and the Stars. These three lights divide the night from the day. Also let them be for a sign. A sign signifies something. Lets consider other meanings for the Sun, the Moon and the Stars.

I. CONSIDER THE SUN.

Sun signifies Christ. Malachi, the last book in the Old Testament says: But unto you that fear my name shall the sun of righteousness rise with healing in his wings.

Think of the natural sun and let it symbolize the Son of God.

1. The Sun's light is from within. It is not a reflected light. Similarly the glory of Christ is not a reflected glory.

Let me contrast. When Moses came down from the Mountain, his face was shining. Light. When John wrote about Jesus: "In him was life and the life was the light of men. Are they the same two words? No they are two different Greek words. The word used to describe the light on the face of Moses was a word meaning reflected light. The Greek word for the light in Christ is a word meaning a light from within.

2. The sun's light is a perfect light. Just as the Son of God was perfect

3. There is healing light in the sun's rays.

4. Let me suggest that the light of the sun vanishes only to reappear after the night of darkness. The Son of God has disappeared for a time. Now, we live in the darkness of sin. Soon the glorious sunrise will come with the return of Jesus

II. CONSIDER THE MOON

It is a symbol of the church. . In Song of Solomon, he describes the Bride of Christ as fair as the moon. Church is bride of Christ.

1. The moon has no light of its own. It reflects the light of the Sun. The church can only reflect the light of the Sun of God.

2. The moon suffers periodic eclipse. What causes an eclipse? When the earth gets between the Sun and the moon.

Whenever the church fails to reflect the glory of Son of God it is because the earth gets between the church and Christ.

3. The moon has its influence in tides. The tides are the result of the pull of the moon. Any great tides of Revival that have swept this world can be traced to the influence, the pull of the church.

III. CONSIDER THE STARS.

Every Christian should be a star.

1. Stars can shine even during an eclipse. I have said that the moon can be eclipsed yet even during this the stars keep on shining. There have been times when the church has gone into an eclipse, but faithful individuals kept on shining for God.

2. The star tells us what, as individual Christians, our task is. Remember the Star that led the wise men to Bethlehem. Our one purpose is to lead men to Christ.

You can define your star ideals in the light of this purpose.

I. Why are you abiding in Him thru prayer? In order that you may lead others to Christ.

2. Why are you advancing in wisdom through Bible Stud? In order that you may lead others to Christ.

3. Why are you acknowledging your stewardship? In order that you may lead others to Christ.

4. Why are you adorning yourself with good works? In order that you may lead others to Christ.

5. Why are you accepting the challenge of the Great commission? In order that you may lead others to Christ.

No joy can compare with thrill of leading someone to Christ. Happiest little star: The one that led to Christ.

A story is told of when George Whitfield, a great English Preacher came to America and spoke in Philadelphia when there were no electric lights. A boy volunteered to hold a lantern while Whitfield preached. The boy became so engrossed in the message that he dropped lantern and it broke. Suffering from embarrassment, the little boy fled from the church. Years later: a young man came to Whitfield and said: "Do you remember a boy that dropped a lantern while you were preaching in Philadelphia? Whitfield replied: "I wondered what ever happened to that little boy". The young man replied: I was that boy. I ran, but I found in your message a greater light. You lead me to Christ." For that boy, George Whitfield was a star leading him to Christ. ARE YOU A STAR?