3. Our Loyalty to That Light

Jesus said, "Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light... the truth" (Jhn 3:19-21). We cannot be like that. We must love the light rather than the darkness, and love requires loyalty and commitment else it is not love.

As children of light, we must walk in the light and shun the darkness. "If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another..." (1Jn 1:6-7). John goes on to give an example (1Jn 2:8-11) namely that to abide in the light we must love our brothers.

"He who walks in darkness does not know where he goes", said Jesus, and he encourages us to "believe in the light, in order that you may become sons of light" (Jhn 12:35-36). He also warns, "Watch out that the light in you may not be darkness" (Lke 11:35). Paul exhorts us, "You were formerly in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light" (Eph 5:8).

Without question, if we are sons of light, we must be ready to defend the inheritance of light against the powers of darkness (Eph 6:12-18 1Th 5:4-5 Rom 13:12).

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O Lord my God, enlighten my eyes... (Psa 13:3).

Looking down from a high hill upon a town, you see it bathed in light, but from many light sources, not one. Or at a boat harbor you will see many lights shining from the boats and jetties and their reflections twinkling in the rippled water, combining with many lights along the shore.

Some folk think that spiritual light is like that. There are many lights, each a little different, but each genuine and each making its contribution to the enlightenment of the world. You can have your favourite light but you acknowledge the other lights as well. Is that the way of true spiritual light? Are there many sources of spiritual light, or only one?

1. The Source of All Spiritual Light

God alone gives light. Paul prayed for his dear friends that "the Father of glory may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, the eyes of your heart being enlightened so that you may know what is the hope of his calling..." (Eph 1:16-19).