

## *Light Restrained by Our Affection – Part 2*

**Genesis 1:3** – Then God said, "**Let there be light**"; and there was **light** (morning, New day, lightning, sun).

**Light means:** to show or make known one's thoughts, to reveal thoughts, illumination, kindle, show light, shine, set on fire, new day, lightning, understanding, revelation.

**Genesis 1:4** – God saw that the light was good; and **God separated the light** (DAY, MOVEMENT, ILLUMINATION, UNDERSTANDING) **from the darkness** (TERRITORY WITHIN MAN—A SEPARATION takes place between that which is self and that which is God).

Verses three and four reveal to us the course of the **First Day**. "And God said, let there be light. . . " **The Light of God** moves upon the **darkened soul**. The **darkness** OF OUR SOUL brings forth misery, destruction, death, ignorance, sorrow, wickedness, obscurity, concealment, and confusion **until the break of a New day** (morning).

**Light** shines out of darkness and is **divided** from **the darkness** within us. Darkness is given a boundary, a limitation.

**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**. (NKJV)

At this stage, the work of God is dividing and separating that which is of God—**LIGHT** and that which is not of **HIM** (darkness). God broke down the dividing walls (Heb. 4:12, Eph. 2:14).

## *Firmament, Restrain, Chasm & Place All Are Equivalent – A Separation*

A separation takes place between that which is of SELF and that which is of GOD. In this process there is a separation of our soulish external realm, our selfish-desires, our death realm, from living according to the Spirit of God.

We see this type of separation represented in the garden when God told Adam not to partake of the Tree of the knowledge of good and evil because it would cause death in his life. We see the contrast with the Tree of Life, which is symbolic of Christ, the life giving Spirit, that would cause him to live above all things in Christ Jesus. Our soulish desires that stem from the darkness of our souls must be cast down and eradicated from our lives and we must live our lives where Jesus rules as Lord of all! As we study words that have equivalent meanings our hearts will open up to receive greater understanding and revelation of that which separates us from our Lord and Savior.

### *Firmament – a Separation of Waters*

In **Genesis 1:6** God put a **firmament** in the midst of the waters and separated the **waters which were below** (soul, waters of feet, urine, semen, to flood, transitory things, to be melted, dissolved) from the **waters which were above** (abode of God, mind of Christ).

**Firmament** means *an expanse, vault of heaven* supporting waters above, visible arch of the sky, *to separate the **waters above** from the **waters below***, spread out, to beat out, to strike, *to expand by hammering*.

## *Restrained in our Affections*

**2 Corinthians 6:11-12** says, “Our mouth has spoken freely to you, O Corinthians, our heart is opened wide. <sup>(12)</sup> **You are not restrained by us, but you are restrained in your own affections.**”

**Restrained** in Greek means to be in a narrow place, a strait, distress, to have extreme affliction, *empty expanse, a space lying between two places or limits*, territory of ground, field, a region, country, *a gaping opening, chasm, gulf, distress*, to hem in closely, *anguish, calamity*, position, posture.

Where are we **restrained**? In our own affections. The Greek word for **affections** means – *bowels and spleen*. These are parts of the body which filter foreign substances from our blood and are symbolic of our *seat of emotions and passions*. The word also means *melancholy, ill humor, resentment, anger, spite, vindictive, bitterness, hostility, gall, animosity, pity, and sympathy*.

When we feed our soulish realm of emotions and passions we become separated from God which causes us to engage in negative behavior of our own “affections”. We cause our own calamity, distress, problems, and sickness when we yield to our selfish desires. Yielding to our own affections and fleshly desires separates us from living in the heavenly realm. It keeps us from having access to the abode of God, that place within us that lives in the above waters, in things eternal. Our own affections and selfish desires are the very things which are keeping us from having access to the fullness of God.

## *Chasm a Separation from Paradise*

We are introduced to the word **chasm** in **Luke 16:26**. Like the words **firmament** and **restrained**, the meaning of **chasm** has the same connotation.

**Chasm** means – *a gaping opening, gulf, vacancy interval, calamity, extreme affliction, a narrow place, distress, to hem in closely, anguish, position, posture.*

In **Luke 16:20-26** a poor man named **Lazarus** was laying at a rich man's gate. He was covered in sores and longing to be fed crumbs from the table of the **rich man**. They both died. **Lazarus** upon his death was carried away to **Abraham's bosom** which is in **paradise**, also known as the **garden** (Gen 2:9 and Rev. 2:7). When the **rich man died he was buried**. Once the rich man opened his eyes he saw Lazarus in **Abraham's bosom** far on the other side of the chasm.

**Luke 16:26** – “And besides all this, **between us** (Abraham and Lazarus) and **you** (rich man) **a great chasm** (a gaping opening, gulf, vacancy, impossible interval) **has been set in place**”

Here we see a great separation; literally and figuratively. In Luke 16:26 God makes a distinction. On one side, that which is pure, holy, and righteous; representative of who God is. On the other side, humanity, which is defiled and causes our distress and anguish.

As you have read above, Abraham's bosom represents paradise, the garden. In Luke 16:25 it says that the rich man saw Lazarus in Abraham's bosom (paradise) being comforted and the rich man was in agony. If we look across the chasm from the rich man's

perspective, we can identify where the patriarchs of Hebrews chapter eleven remain (Heb. 11:39-40). The rich man, now understanding what he could have had, was left in great agony, misery, and torture. You see, the chasm of our soulish realm separates us from partaking in the promises of God. This is truly hell because hell is a separation from God. What causes us to experience that? Yes, our own rebellion and wickedness.

**Jeremiah 2:19** says, “Your own wickedness will correct you, and your backslidings will rebuke you. Know therefore and see that it is an evil and bitter thing that you have forsaken the LORD your God, and the fear of Me is not in you,” Says the Lord GOD of hosts.”

### ***Do not give the Devil Place***

**Ephesians 4:27** – “**Do not give the devil place...**”

We see the same separation of **chasm** in the word **place**. **Place** means *empty expanse, firmament, territory, field, ground, land, region, vacancy, gulf*, limited occupancy, position, condition, opportunity, power, rocky place, of the sea, distort, convulse. It is the same Strong's number as **wilderness**, uninhabitable land. In this vacant territory we give the devil opportunity to cause separation.

**Devil** means *diablos (dia meaning through & ballo meaning to cast)*, one who falsely accuses and divides people without any reason, an adversary, accuser, slanderer, *one who casts either himself or something in between in order to separate them*, opposes, false, misinterprets.

When we listen to the hisser, whisperer and give him place, then we are causing a separation from being in union with the Spirit of

the Lord. As we listen to and heed the Holy Spirit, we are learning to distinguish what is of our soulish desires that satisfy our flesh, versus what is the work of the Spirit that produces life, reconciliation and restoration in all things.

### ***Firmament, Restrained, Chasm & Place are all Equivalent***

**Firmament, restrained, chasm, and place** all have equivalent meanings in the Strong's Concordance. These words define a separation of self-life and the works of the flesh versus God-life. Here we see the connection.

We learned earlier in **Genesis 1:6** that God put a **firmament** in the midst of the waters and separated the waters which were below from the waters from above.

**Firmament** means *vault of heaven, supporting above waters, to inhabitants of the region, land, earth, the seat of order of things eternal, abode of God dwells, eternity.*

It is separation of *the **waters above*** (purity of being God conscious in the heavenly places of our thoughts) *from the **waters below*** (piss and urine of the defilement of the soulish realm).

**Restrained** means *empty expanse, a space lying between two places or limits, a region, country.*

It is the separation caused when we live in our affections, emotions and passions instead of by the sovereign word of God.

**Chasm** means *a gaping opening, gulf, calamity, extreme affliction, a narrow place, distress, to hem in closely, anguish, position, posture.*

It is the separation from the promises and the presence, from the paradise/garden, of God because we served self and the desires of the flesh instead of God.

**Place** means *empty expanse, space, territory, field, ground, land, region, vacancy, gulf, and firmament.*

This the vacant field where we give the devil access and it causes a separation from being in unity with the Spirit of the Lord.

As we listen to and heed the Holy Spirit, we are learning to distinguish what is of our soulish desires that satisfy our flesh versus what is of the Spirit that produces life, reconciliation and restoration in all things. We are learning to call those things that don't exist as though they do.

**Romans 4:17** – (as it is written, "A **Father of many nations have I made you**") in the presence of Him whom he believed, even God, who **gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist.**

Through this study can we not see and understand what separates us from our Lord and Savior. We are clearly without **excuse** to know truth. It is the truth that sets us free!

**Romans 1:20** – For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, **His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen,** being understood through what has been made, so that they are **without excuse.**

**Matthew 5:14** – "**You** are the **light** of the **world**. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden;

**Ephesians 5:8** – for you were formerly in darkness, but **now you are Light** in the **Lord**; **walk** as **children** of **Light**.

**Psalms 104:2-4** – **Who covers Yourself with light** as with a **garment**, who stretches out the heavens like a curtain or a tent, <sup>(3)</sup> Who lays the **beams** (meet, encounter) **of the upper room** (ascend, stairway, to excel) of **His abode in the waters** [above waters, above the firmament], **Who makes** the **clouds** (offspring, witness of multitudes, pillars; fullness of waters which is rain, the Word & Spirit, power & glory) **His chariot** (Spirit & body consumed in the light, Calvary, multitude, movement of Spirit, fire, salvation), **Who walks** on the **wings** of the **wind**, <sup>(4)</sup> **Who makes winds His messengers, flames of fire His ministers** (Hebrews 1:7). (AMP)

The Lord was hovering, brooding, moving, shaking our world, our field of uncultivated areas of our life, the darkness caused by the chaos of our soul. The light has shown upon our heart and severs the darkness.

**The Light reveals the missing of the mark.**

God reveals the nature of our darkness and the light shows us our condition.

We see in the **first three days** of creation that **God is setting boundaries, limitations, and dividing and separating** that which is **Him** and that which **is self**.

**Genesis 1:5** – And God called the light day, and the **darkness He called night**. And there was **evening** and there was morning, one day.

Another word that gives us great revelation of “separation” is the word **evening**, also known as **night**. As I have said before the Bible is written in natural-physical terminology of everyday life



that depicts spiritual realities of the character of Christ we are to become. It also reveals the deep hidden areas of our heart that we see here in evening, night and darkness.

**Genesis 1:5** – God called the light day, and the darkness He called night (gloom, adversity). And there was evening (Strong's #H6148 mingle self, self-sufficient, misery, destruction, death, ignorance, sorrow, wickedness, night, to traffic (as if by barter- for security, as a kind of exchange, merchandise, tangible profit, sell or trade)) and there was morning (light, dawn of New DAY), one day. (NASB)

Evening is the same Strong's word as merchandise, to traffic.

Merchandise means – security, self-gratification of one's sources and identification — to prostitute for self-indulgence and self-satisfaction – TRADE, TRAFFIC, TO LEAD OR ORDER ONE'S LIFE, PURSUE OWN JOURNEY, to buy and sell goods, in business, commercial wares, to promote the sale of, advertising or display, to surrender or sell, to put calculated and often unscrupulous advantage or exploit, skilled labor, profit for trade, something surrounding a person, occupy with, by implication, mercantile goods, market, intermix, to traffic (as if by barter), give to be security ( as a kind of exchange), engage, mingle (self) mortgage, occupy, give pledges, surety.

**Ezekiel 27:27** – Your wealth, your wares, your merchandise (#H4627, #H6148 **same word as evening**, night, traffic, trading, article of exchange, occupiers), your sailors and your pilots, your repairers of seams, your dealers in merchandise and all your men of war who are in you, with all your company that is in your midst, will fall into the heart of the seas on the day of your overthrow.

**Ezekiel 27:33** – When your **wares** went out from the **seas**, you satisfied many peoples; with the abundance of your wealth and your **merchandise** (#H4627, #H6148 **same word** as **evening**, *night, traffic, trading, article of exchange*, occupiers) you enriched the kings of the earth.

**Ezekiel 28:5-6** – By your **great wisdom** and by **your traffic** you have **increased** your **riches** and **power**, and **your heart** is **proud** and **lifted** up **because** of your **wealth**; <sup>(6)</sup> Therefore thus says the Lord God: Because you have **imagined** (mental image, assumption, conjecture, to guess, have a notion of or about without adequate foundation) **your mind** as the **mind** of **God** [having thoughts and purposes suitable only to God Himself]. (AMP)

**Revelation 9:20** – And the rest of humanity who were not killed by these plagues even then **did not repent of** [the worship of] **the works** of their [own] **hands**, so as to cease **paying homage** to the **demons** and **idols** of **gold** and **silver** and **bronze** and **stone** and **wood**, which can neither see nor hear nor move. (AMP)

In another words we sell our God life, for self-life, for the things of the world. We live in the world system instead of living in the supernatural provision, protection and pleasure of the Lord. So we exchange our God life for our own self satisfying world fleshly desires which is what causes **the separation of the waters**.