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EXPOSING DARKNESS | Deliver Us From Evil - Week 2

ANCHOR VERSE

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Matthew 6:9-13

evil: ponéros- An ethical right and wrong based on God's morals and His ethics

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

John 3:19

WHAT IS DARKNESS?

darkness = skotos = ignorance respecting divine things and human duties, and the accompanying ungodliness and immorality, together with their consequent misery

"Hitler assumed power under a guise of lawfulness that concealed his true intentions. Conservative politicians underestimated him; left-wing politicians were equally naive. Neither took Hitler seriously until it was too late."

... try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

Ephesians 5:10-11

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO EXPOSE DARKNESS?

expose = elegecho - to bring to light, to expose

- Does it matter to God?
- Does it please God?
- What does God want me to do?

All Saints Festival

All Saints Eve (10/31) - Preparing for All Saints Day with a party of costumes, candy, pranks; based on the Samhain festival and combined with All Saints Eve

All Saints Day (11/1) - Day to pray to the dead saints and to remember them

All Souls Day (11/2) - A day to pray for all those who are stuck in purgatory

Halloween's origins are all about necromancy - the calling on the dead
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GOD'S VIEW OF DEATH

For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

1 Corinthians 15:26

No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.

1 Corinthians 10:20

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE IN DARKNESS

- do it
- allow it
- accept it
- ignore it

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

Judges 21:25

WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

ask the big question: Does this please God?

Does it please God?

... discern what is pleasing to the Lord

Ephesians 5:10

HOW CAN WE PLEASE GOD?

1. Don't let anyone deceive you

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

Ephesians 5:6

2. Don't partner with darkness

Therefore do not become partners with them . . .

Ephesians 5:7

3. Walk in light

. . . for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.

Ephesians 5:8

4. Take no part in darkness

Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness

Ephesians 5:11

5. Expose it

. . . but instead expose them.

Ephesians 5:11

6. Turn up the light (the Word of God)

But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, 14 for anything that becomes visible is light.

Ephesians 5:14

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