

To abide and do the bidding of the LORD, it is fundamental to know what He is currently doing and know His mind and will (John 15). As mentioned in a previous meditation, the LORD separates the hours of the night for His work. The midnight hour is also characterized by an overshadowing.

Prayer for Healing - Through His Overshadowing

Psalm 91:1,4 KJV

[1] He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. [4] He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Malachi 4:2 KJV

But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

He that abides shall be overshadowed. Consequently, under His wing, all malady is taken away [Amen].

The Midnight Hour

The night represents a person, so does the day. The darkness is a person and so is light. True light enlightens the heart of man. The feature of the day is when every man comes to the understanding of the things of God. Darkness, conversely, comes when the majority of the hearts of humanity will be full of darkness. Darkness symbolizes [when](#) wickedness, sin, and uncleanness becoming the order of the day. During dark time (night hour), those who are holy will be under persecution.

In the last days, the book of Isaiah prophesies darkness will cover the earth. More terrible is when darkness is upon the people. "For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee" (Isaiah 60:2). Who are the people in the prophecy of Isaiah? The people who are supposed to be the children of God. The measure of darkness in the world is actually coming from those who are supposed to be light, and their light has become great darkness. And Jesus cautioned, saying, if the light in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness ([Matthew](#) 6:23).

During the dark ages, a lot of damage was done to the truth. This was the case in the apostate catholic church, but thanks be to God who is flushing away the darkness. This light shines in the darkness. Darkness refers to a state of the heart of man. The night season that befalls man, causing him to do the work of darkness ([sin](#)) is in the heart. However, there is a little light that causes the darkness to flee. We must arise and shine. "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee" (Isaiah 60:1 KJV).

Jesus, The Light of the World

Immediately after the fall of Adam (man) through sin, darkness set in. But Jesus came to give light to the world, first to the 12 disciples, then the 70, the 3000, and the 5000 and the millions of believers today. The darkness, in the heart of men, tried to put out that light, but all efforts failed because the Lord designed that this light will shine to the perfect day (Prov 4:18), when it will be abnormal to sin. HALLELUJAH

In the time of darkness, the wicked are promised life, while the righteous are made to feel sad, Ezekiel 13:22. Here, people take pride in wickedness. It is at this time that God begins to walk among people.

The beginning of the age of the Law was glorious, with God moving through the pillar of cloud and fire. The Lord said, build me a temple and I will dwell among you. Yet, due to continuous adultery, the glory departed. For about 500 years, there was no word of the Lord. By the time Jesus came, the priesthood order, an order that God instituted was filled with darkness and anti-god, such that they saw nothing good in the God of glory [Jesus Christ] other than to crucify him. Even when Pilate sought to free him, this priesthood insisted that He die. There was no more light in Israel and so people went about doing what was right in their sight. The coming of Jesus was the entrance of God into His world, an entrance of light. During this time, the state of Israel was so bad that an Amalekite, descendants of Esau, (Herod) ruled over the people of God. This was a breaking of a new day. HALLELUJAH.

Genesis 1:1-3 KJV

In the beginning God created heaven and the earth. [2] And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. [3] And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

2 Corinthians 4:6 KJV

For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shone in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Genesis 1:1-3 was the exact description of the heart of man before Jesus - darkness was upon the face of the deep. Hence, God said let there be light. Jesus is that light (John 1:9). When the knowledge of the glory of God is missing, there is darkness. There will once again be an outburst of this glory as has never been seen, yet you who have this light preserve it. In the assembly of God's people there is light. Fight against the expression of this darkness with all your lie and keep the light burning, even if it costs you your physical life. Keep that light! It is shining in the midst of darkness. This means any compromise will dwindle that light and the result of this individual will be terrible. This light is in you, not in the world. There are a troop of forces, trying to snuff out this light, but insist that you shine.

How Does the Light Shine?

The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Romans 13:12 KJV

For your light to shine, you must cast off the work of darkness. Judas under the ministry of Jesus, the most powerful ministry, still harbored darkness which led to his demise. Jesus must have prayed for him, but because he refused to walk in the light, he could not be saved. The light comes to reveal the contents of the heart. If you do not deal with this darkness, in the day of light, you will be embarrassed- hen the bride of Christ is completely overshadowed with the light. The book of Revelations shows the bride clothed with the Sun (Rev 12:1). This is the overshadowing. At the moment this bride is completely clothed, the ungodly cannot stand. Everyone is recompensed according to their work.

If their works are works of darkness, the reward is darkness. If it is light, the reward will be light.

The Evening Time

In the evening time was when the light of the day began to fade away and darkness came in gradually. Here the Lord begins a work of assessment. He comes to assess the things He started and if what He He established still remains. At the beginning of the work, what the Lord gave us was beautiful, [before the](#)

[darkness crept it](#). Yet, there will still be a remnant, a little light. So He comes and separates the light from the darkness.

Once he separates light from darkness, there will be some between two opinions like in the day of Elijah, 1 Kings 18:21. Some of them will draw back to darkness and this darkness will even be darker since there is absolutely no light now. However, there will be those who will follow the light. Darkness will be more terrible for those who should have known the light. This is the evening time. Here, He sifts. The faithful class will be sorted. Those who are in the unfaithful class will even become more vicious.

If we consider Exodus 11, when the Lord came to deliver His people, there was a clear distinction between His people and Egypt (Exodus 11:1-7). Malachi also shows that the Lord puts a distinction between those who serve him and those who do not (Mal 3:18). Isaiah 33:14 KJV, "The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?" Brethren, shun everything that is ungodly. Seek the Lord.

Activities of the Midnight Hour

Some activities that happen at midnight include the overshadowing. There are two groups of overshadowing. First is what He is doing and second is what He wants us to do, in partnership with Him. One key activity of the LORD is the separation of the faithful and from the unfaithful. Here, He will put an evident difference between those who serve Him and those who do not. At that time, those who are in the light will know those who are in the darkness. The Lord will separate and cleanse at the same time, so that all that will remain will be Holiness unto the Lord. In Matthew 25, the parable of the ten virgins is an example of the separation.

Matthew 25:1-13 KJV

Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. [2] And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. [3] They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: [4] But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. [5] While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. [6] And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. [7] Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. [8] And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. [9] But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather

to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. [10] And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. [11] Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. [12] But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. [13] Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

We see a clear separation between the wise and the foolish. Both had vessels, but one set had oil and one did not. There are several interpretations to the oil, but the oil in your vessel is the character of Christ that you have allowed to settle in your soul. The oil represents the measure of His word that abides in you. How much your soul have you been able to imbibe the nature of Christ. This is because the bridegroom is giving up their lower life for the oil. The challenge then is how much of Christ can be found in you. He that is in you is He that will overshadow you from within. When this happens, you become a corporate woman. Then our mortal tent will become clothed with glory and light.

2 Corinthians 5:5-9 KJV

Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. [6] Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: [7] (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) [8] We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. [9] Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.

This means , though we are joined with him, while our consciousness may seem far from the Lord (being absent from the Lord), we are still acceptable to him. How? By praying, through the Word and allowing Him to take over our mind.

Divine Activity 2. Hour of Judgment of the Wicked.

Anything that is not in harmony with His will, He comes to burn it off. What should you be doing then in the light of these divine activities of separation, overshadowing, and judgment? For the righteous, it is an hour of prayer, thanksgiving and praises.

Psalm 134:1-3 KJV

Behold, bless ye the LORD, all ye servants of the LORD, which by night stand in the house of the LORD. [2] Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the LORD. [3] The LORD that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.

Acts 16:25 KJV

And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

Paul and Silas were singing at the top of their voices. Shout to the Lord with the voice of triumph. God is glorified when we worship quietly, but he also wants us to worship loudly. Why did Paul and Silas not complain? They had no crime but were imprisoned for preaching the Word of God, preaching good news. Yet they praised, rather than complained. God was glorified. Why? Because the word of God was not bound.

How Do We Pray Always?

By not praying for yourself only, but for yourself and the saints. Luke 11:5-8 gives a clue on how to pray always and how to pray prayers of intercession. In the story, there was a friend interceding to a friend on behalf of another friend. Jesus was the bigger friend, the one interceded to, and, His friend came importunately to ask for bread on behalf of his friend. One thing that will characterize the faithful class is that not only will they have light, they will have the love of God and the love of brethren in their heart (Matt 22:36-40). This is the character of the midnight hour. There is love, patience, and joy. This is what God measures when he brings people into the class of overcomers. How large is your heart to love?

It is not about knowing many things, the command of God is simple, love God and love His people. Will there be offenses? There will. However, you have the right to take offense / be angry but an obligation to not let the sun go down on the offense, resentment or anger (Eph 4:6). If you bank up offense, it will hurt you later. The mark of the elect will be forgiveness, love, patience (forbearance). When God comes to measure, it is not your head and the amount of scriptures knowledge, but how much love is in your heart.

Luke 11:5-6 KJV

And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; [6] For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?

So rather than having difficulties with one another or bank up an offense, take/intercede for the offending party (your friend) to your friend (Jesus). Through your friend (Jesus), you will draw many to light. In this

midnight, like David, our soul waits for the Lord for His promise in the place of prayer, worship and thanksgiving, while watching for Christ in you. Intercession, in summary, is talking to a friend on behalf of a friend.

The Cockcrowing (12pm -3am)

Mark 1:35 KJV

And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

John 20:1 KJV

The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.

The attitude of prayer continues through the night. The greatest ministry in the church is prayer. There was a time in the world when there was no sin, in the beginning when God made the earth and man. And there will come a time in the world where there is no sin. What made Mary Magdalene so devoted to seeking Jesus she saw dead just three days before, when all the men around her went about continuing their business. She had a passionate love for God.

Out of that, She was the first of whom Jesus revealed himself to. Judas had messed himself up and Peter was planning to go back into fishing. Yet, she stood waiting for the Lord and even asked the gardener for his body, so she could carry him. This faith granted her the first revelation of the resurrected Jesus. The night season is a time of recovering those who are unfaithful. In the time of the cockcrow, there will be many who were not hearing the still small voice before and they will be recovered. Those who have been accustomed to hearing the still small voice become his voice before the breaking of the day.

Matthew 26:34 shows one of the most painful parts of Peter's resume. It was the guilt of denying Jesus that made him go back to fishing. Why? Matthew 12:20, a bruised reed, he will not break. His Gentleness makes us great. Continue praying. Set up altars of prayer in every place where you struggle. God does not forget any sincere prayer you make. The moment you hand it to him, it becomes his property. At some point, He will come and you will discover that the struggle is no more. He is such a beautiful savior. He saves and continues to save until the salvation is complete.

The Morning (3am - 6am).

This is the time of the blowing of the trumpet, the unveiling, the calling in. It is the time where the Lord will completely remove from His people those that offend.

Matthew 14:25-27 KJV

And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. [26] And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. [27] But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

What is the symbolism of Jesus walking on the sea? It symbolizes a total dominion over the powers of darkness. The corporate Christ will walk upon the sea of human problems. Revelations speak of an angel with one leg on the sea and one on the land (Rev 10:2). Those who have been faithful with him and those who by the faithfulness of others have been recovered will walk upon the sea with total dominion.

Jesus, in the beginning, walked on the sea (Genesis 1:2). The sea talks about the unregenerate realm, a great and ready harvest. When you walk on something, you have dominion over it, Joshua 1:3. Habakkuk 2:14 says, the knowledge of the glory of Christ will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. How? Through the corporate Christ who now walks upon the sea. At that time, the light of God will be so much upon the earth that darkness shall be completely banished. Selah!