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Luke 23:44-45, “⁴⁴And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. ⁴⁵And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.”

Tomorrow there will be a total eclipse of the sun stretching from the Pacific ocean to the Atlantic. A total eclipse happens when the moon passes in front of the sun totally blocking the sun. The longest tomorrow’s total eclipse will last is about 2 minutes 40 seconds. It’s interesting that the sun and the moon appear to be the same sized. If it were not for this, then a total eclipse as they appear would not be possible. This is certainly no accident, but was designed by the LORD.

I’ve known about tomorrow’s eclipse for years from studying astronomy apps. We know exactly when the eclipse will happen, where it will occur and down to the fraction of a second how long it will last. Man has known about tomorrow’s eclipse for centuries. Assuming there is a tomorrow, it will occur right on time at the exact place. Is such order accidently? No, the LORD set these things into motion at the beginning of time.

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I hope you can go to where there is a totality tomorrow. You will see things you’ve never seen such as the corona of the sun, stars appearing at mid-day and much other phenomena that can only occur during a total eclipse.

There is another darkening of the sun that far outweighs the glory of the one tomorrow. It was when the LORD was crucified. There was darkness about the sixth hour, which is our noon it lasted for three hours.

Why was there darkness during this time? It certainly was not a solar eclipse. This darkness lasted for three hours. It also was not just a narrow path of darkness like a solar eclipse. It was not local to the events happening at the cross. We are told it was over all the earth.

I think the LORD darkened the sun and covered the earth with this darkness to show the darkness of the hour when the Son of God was crucified upon the cross. It showed the darkness of sin and how living in sin will lead to eternal darkness. The LORD took away the brightest object we can see to show how that sins hide the glory of the LORD from us.

None of us want to live in the darkness. We enjoy the morning and the brightness of a new day. We have windows in our houses not just to see out, but to let the beauty and glory of light come in. None of us would permit ourselves to live in darkness if we don’t need to. Do not stay in spiritual darkness.

As dark as those three hours were when Jesus was crucified, on the first day of the week Jesus arose. What a glorious bright morning that was, not because of the sun rising that day, but because the Son of God arose. His rising gives us the hope of dwelling in that endless day in Heaven where the glory of God and the Lamb are the light there of.

—Marty Edwards❖



—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, and Brad Terry.**

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Revelation 21:23, “*And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.*”

Tomorrow the sun and moon will be the focus of nationwide attention as the moon will pass in front of the sun causing a total eclipse. There will be millions watching. Millions of pictures and videos will be taken. Scientists will be gathering to study this event. There are some phenomena that can only be studied during a total eclipse. There will be so much attention and sharing of information that many expect the cell phone systems and Internet as a whole will have trouble handling all the data.

Then, as soon as the eclipse is over, the sun and moon will be back to their regular routines of providing light for the day and night and keeping time for us.

The sun and moon will not always be around or even needed. After this life we have an eternal source of light. In Revelation 21:23 when describing Heaven, John wrote “²³*And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb [is] the light thereof.* ²⁴*And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it.*”

We are told there is no sun nor moon. The glory of God and the Lamb provide the light. We are then told the saved will walk in the light that is in that city.

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Sunday, August 13, 2017		
Classes	20	I Thessalonians 4:13-18
Preaching	26	II Kings 8 (No reason to worry)
Contribution	\$3246.00	
Evening	21	Revelation 18:1-24
Wednesday, August 16, 2017		
Classes	19	Joel 3:1-21

Aug 13 (AM) Michaela Sievers (Gelsenkirchen, Germany)
 Visitors— Aug 13 (PM) Michaela Sievers
 Aug 16 (PM) Michaela Sievers; Thomas Bennett (Cave City, KY)

Bible Quiz

What was lightened with the glory of the mighty angel?

Last Week’s Answer— The sun would be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood (Joel 2:31)

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I enjoy a nice sunny day and being out in the sun, but there is no light I would rather be in than walking in the light of Heaven provided by God and the Lamb.

—God’s Plan of Salvation—	
1.	Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2.	Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3.	Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4.	Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5.	Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6.	Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)

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