

THE LORD GOD A SUN

Int.

1. Aim: To show how God is comparable in many ways to the Sun
2. Ps. 84:11 "For the LORD God [is] a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good [thing] will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."
 - a. Absalom, David's son revolted
 - b. David had to flee from Jerusalem - II Sam. 15
 - c. Some started with the Ark of God but David told them to return
 - d. He could not gather to worship on the Sabbath
 - e. He longs to be there - V. 10 doorkeeper "For a day in thy courts [is] better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness."
 - f. Then he tells why he wants to be there
3. The Lord God is a Sun
 - a. What the sun is to the world that God is to my soul
 - b. The sun dispels darkness, comforts, warms gives life
 - c. The Lord God is the Sun to our soul
4. Notice the Parallel between the Sun and God

Discussion

I. SOURCE OF ALL LIFE

A. Sun

1. All that lives derives its support for life from the Sun
2. The soil is important - but not the most important for plants
 - a. Must till, fertilize and cultivate
 - b. Yet if the plant is in the shade it will not develop
3. Rain is necessary - but the Sun causes rain
 - a. Water of oceans evaporates - forms clouds
 - b. The air moves because of the cold and hot air and moves the clouds
 - c. This causes rain
4. In every way -life depends upon the Sun
 - a. Plants can't grow without the sun
 - b. Winds blow because of the sun
 - c. Rains come because of the sun
 - d. Plants are necessary for our food - our life depends on the Sun

B. The Lord our God is the Source of All Life

1. He made the sun and put it there and kindled its fires
2. God is the source where all spiritual life gets support
3. Our souls need God - Gen. 2:7 "...man became a living soul..."
 - a. Idol God's can't save - can't speak, walk, help. All idols perish
 - b. Only the true God can save

4. Man's soul is sick and dying when he is dwelling in sin
 - a. 1 Jn. 1:5 "This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all."
 - b. Worldly pleasure, business or fame can't give life eternal to our soul
 - c. God is the giver to our soul - gives light not darkness, hope
 - d. John 14:6 "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

5. John 17:3 "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."
 - a. Only way to have eternal life is to acknowledge, obey and worship the one and only true God
 - b. By believing in God we believe in Christ - who was sent to save us
 - c. John 8:12 "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

- C. God is the source of Spiritual Life & physical life for He created the Sun.

II. WE SOMETIMES FORGET THE SUN

- A. Sun
 1. We sometimes forget all about the sun and its importance for our life
 2. We take it as a matter of course
 3. It goes on shining whether we remember it or not

B. God is sometimes treated the same way by us

1. His gifts and blessings are so common and constant that we are sometimes thoughtless concerning them - Jas. 1:17
2. Phil. 4:6 "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."
3. How often do we forget to thank god
 - a. Do we pray daily? Do we thank Him for our food?
 - b. But he continues to bless us.
4. As we are forgetful of the sun, we are forgetful of God who is the giver of all good and perfect gifts
5. Let us praise him and thank him as we ought

III. ABUNDANT ENERGY

A. Sun

1. It has superabundant energy stored up
2. The energy it has is enormously greater than the earth needs
3. The earth uses but a small fraction of the heat and light poured forth from the Sun

B. God

1. God is superabundant in energy
2. Eph. 3:20-21 " Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, 21 Unto him [be] glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

3. He is more than sufficient for our spiritual necessities

a. Sufficient in temptation

(1) 1 Cor. 10:13 "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God [is] faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear [it]."

(2) Jas. 1:13 "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:"

b. Sufficient with us in trouble

(1) Hopes fail, clouds lower and the way grows dark and dreary

(2) God is sufficient for us in the troubled times of life

(3) Ps. 23:1 "The LORD [is] my shepherd; I shall not want."

c. Sufficient for us in death

(1) The strongest of us will face death

(2) When no friend can comfort us after death has come to our loved ones, God can!

(3) Ps. 23:4 "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou [art] with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

(4) Ps. 84:11 "For the LORD God [is] a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good [thing] will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."

IV. FORGETS NONE

A. Sun

1. Special ray of sun for every blade of grass and every leaf
2. The Sun does not shine for a few trees and flowers, but for the whole wide world
3. It shines for the little pine on the mountain and the grains of wheat in thousands of fields

B. God

1. God is preparing heaven not just for a few but for any who will prepare for it
2. No creature is so poor he can't be there, no creature too low to be there if he will repent
3. Acts 10:34,35 "Then Peter opened [his] mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: 35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him."

V. SOURCE OF ORDER

A. Sun

1. Earth speeds around the sun at 68,000 MPH or 19 M.P.S.
2. All heavenly bodies are orderly and organized around the sun

B. God

1. He is the center of our life
2. When he is the center of our life then things are orderly and right in our life
3. Matt. 6:33 - put God first in life and everything else will fit in at the proper place.
4. God is the source of order and harmony in our life

Conclusion

1. God is the Sun of our life
 - a. He is the giver of eternal life
 - b. He continues to bless us though we are unthankful
 - c. He has more than is needed to care for us.
 - d. He leaves out none of us in the invitation to eternal life
 - e. He is the source of harmony in our life
2. God is the sun of our spiritual life
3. If you will have light in your soul you must come to God
4. Ps. 84:11 "For the LORD God [is] a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good [thing] will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."

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