

“WHO TURNED THE LIGHTS OUT?”

EXODUS 10:21-29

The ninth plague can initially seem a bit anticlimactic. The previous eight calamities have been nasty, foul, loathsome, repulsive, disgusting, nauseating, painful, distressing, dreadful, shocking, and even deathly. Yet this plague brings only darkness. Seriously? That’s all you got!

A THEOLOGY OF DARKNESS

① Its B _____.

The Psalmist (104:20) and the prophet agree (Isaiah 45:7) that everything but God has a _____, including darkness.

② Its B _____.

Remember, our battle is never against another individual, but against _____ far more diabolical (Ephesians 6:12)

Indeed, darkness connects itself to the leader of this dwelling, Satan, as well as to the name of this dwelling, _____ (Matthew 25:30; 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6).

③ Its B _____.

Presumably, those in darkness believe they will get away with their ungodly choices as this _____ hides them from any retribution (John 3:19).

However, everything in secret will be exposed and anything committed under the cloak of darkness will be revealed for all to see (1 Cor. 4:5).

④ Its B _____.

Nailed to a cross, the Savior experiences this final blow as for three hours of darkness the Son bears the sins of humanity.

The death of the Savior occurs under this _____ of night.

⑤ Its B _____.

Good night darkness! There’s coming a day when darkness will no longer be present (Revelation 22:5).

CONCLUSION

This matter of darkness isn’t milquetoast or mild in any way; instead, the entrance of darkness is ultimately God’s final straw with Pharaoh and Egypt as judgment comes knocking.

For Moses, nothing less than _____ obedience to the directives of God in worship will do.

For three hours, the Son of God hung on that cross in utter darkness as He alone bore our sins. And then, at the end of that darkness, unlike the death of the _____ of Egypt, He Himself died as the _____, only begotten Son of God. After three days in the grave, He arose and conquered death. The theology of _____ gets trumped by the theology of _____.