HELEN SANDERS 2-14-2024 LIGHT

We are accustomed to light because of electricity. Rarely can one go outside at night and not see lights on somewhere. When I lived in the country away from all the lights of a city the stars seemed to shine brighter than ever. I saw several shooting stars and was totally caught up in the splendor of the "night" lights.

Living in Florida has its great advantages, but it also comes with some things that are not so welcome. One of the things that we do not like is hurricanes. When a hurricane comes the power can be disrupted for days. During those times, the darkness seemed darker than ever. If you do not know your way around your home at night you stumble. Candles helped, and so did having a generator to back up power. We truly are accustomed to having the "lights" on.

In John 9:5 Jesus said, "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." Now he was not speaking of natural light. He was speaking of spiritual enlightenment. Without God to light our lives we remain in darkness. This darkness is described in Matthew 25:30 where those without Christ go. There is no light there at all. No fun. Only weeping and gnashing of teeth. Torment forever. Jesus' light pulls them out of darkness.

2 Corinthians 4:4 tells us, "In whom [those without Christ] the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

Satan has blinded those in darkness. To keep a soul from that darkness and torment they must come to the "light." They must acknowledge that Jesus is the only way to the Father, and they must repent of their sin. When they do this, the light of God shines on them, and they are no longer in darkness. Then, they must grow in the light, so it shines through them. Psalm 119:105 says, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." The more of the Word of God that we feed on the stronger our light is.

Do you feel like you are "in the dark" about things? Then, perhaps you should spend more time in the "light" of the word. We must remember that Jesus is the "word made flesh," so the more of the word in us, the more of God's light is in us.

Be the light for those in darkness. Be a witness for the Lord, and see lives change.