

The Valley of the Shadow Death

- Psalm 23:4–6 (NKJV) 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
 - Psalm 107:10–11 (NKJV)
 - 10 Those who sat in **darkness and in the shadow of death**, Bound in affliction and irons— 11 Because they rebelled against the words of God, And despised the counsel of the Most High,
 - Psalm 94:14 For the Lord will not cast off His people, Nor will He forsake His inheritance.
 - Job 7:20–21 (NKJV)
 - 20 Have I sinned? What have I done to You, O watcher of men? Why have You set me as Your target, So that I am a burden to myself? 21 Why then do You not pardon my transgression, And take away my iniquity? For now I will lie down in the dust, And You will seek me diligently, But I will no longer be.”
 - Job 9:32–35 (NKJV)
 - 32 “For He is not a man, as I am, That I may answer Him, And that we should go to court together. 33 Nor is there any mediator between us, Who may lay his hand on us both. 34 Let Him take His rod away from me, And do not let dread of Him terrify me. 35 Then I would speak and not fear Him, But it is not so with me.
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 - Job 10:2 (NKJV)
 - 2 I will say to God, ‘Do not condemn me; Show me why You contend with me.
 - Job 10:7 (NKJV)
 - 7 Although You know that I am not wicked, And there is no one who can deliver from Your hand?
 - Job 10:20–22 (NKJV)
 - 20 Are not my days few? Cease! Leave me alone, that I may take a little comfort,
 - 21 Before I go to the place from which I shall not return, To the land of darkness and the shadow of death,
 - 22 A land as dark as darkness itself, As the shadow of death, without any order, Where even the light is like darkness.’ ”
 - Job 16:21 (NKJV)
 - 21 Oh, that one might plead for a man with God, As a man pleads for his neighbor!
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- the prophets of the Old Testament spoke of the “Valley of the shadow of death” in reference to Israel in disobedience to God
- the apostles speak of darkness as the absence of the light of the gospel ; 2 Corinthians 4:3–4 (NKJV)
- 3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest **the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ**, who is the image of God, should shine on them.
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- Isaiah 49:6 (NKJV)

- 6 Indeed He says, 'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob, And to restore the preserved ones of Israel; **I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles**, That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.' "

- Micah 7:8–9 (NKJV)

- 8 Do not rejoice over me, my enemy; When I fall, I will arise; When I sit in darkness, The Lord will be a light to me. 9 I will bear the indignation of the Lord, Because I have sinned against Him, Until He pleads my case And executes justice for me. He will bring me forth to the light; I will see His righteousness.

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- Luke 1:79 To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, **To guide our feet into the way of peace.**"

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- Luke 2:25–32 (NKJV)

- 25 And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was **Simeon**, and this man was just and devout, **waiting for the Consolation of Israel**, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, 28 he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: 29 "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; 30 For my eyes have seen Your salvation 31 Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples,

- 32 A light to bring **revelation** to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel."

- **revelation: communication of knowledge (previously hidden) to man by a divine or supernatural agency; especially communications that proceed from God or Christ.**

2 Corinthians 3:7–12 (NKJV)

7 But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away,

8 how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious?

9 For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory.

10 For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels.

11 For if what is passing away was glorious, what remains is much more glorious.

12 Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech—

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