



## **Command one: Let there be Light**

Genesis 1:3 *“Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.”*

If creation began in darkness, then from darkness we came. That seems so weird. Why do we have the terms dark and light anyways? I suppose they are the basic elements of the universe. In space there are two forms of matter. Photons (light matter) and what they call (anti-matter). I'm not so sure there is anti-matter but the science world believes in it. Does science assume that (cause and effect) work on all things. If there is darkness then there must be light. However, is darkness real? Can you touch it or hold it in your hand? Our eyes need light to see, not darkness. It's pretty simple. A certain bandwidth of radiation called visible light (found in-between ultraviolet and Infrared wave lengths) is what we need to see. Darkness is the absence of that visible light.

If you read the first few verses of Genesis 1 you get the same picture. God created the heavens and the earth. We see light in the distance of space above the earth. That is how we know stars are there. Further to this we can tell what color things are by the light wavelength. Scientists can measure how far away things are by these same waves of light. Those places, we see in space, have light on and around them. It's the admittance of those Photons we can see. How to make a world 101. Be able to see what your doing! Now, did God need to see? That's an argument for another day. Yet, creation does need to see.

Exodus 34:10 *“Then the LORD said: “I am making a covenant with you. Before all your people I will do wonders never before done in any nation in all the world. The people you live among will “see” how awesome is the work that I, the LORD, will do for you.”*

In Greek philosophy they spend a great amount of time on existence. Actually, I feel all philosophy is trying to understand why we are here. Yet, clearly, we are thanks to matter and light. Did God create it all for fun? Was it just for himself? The Bible is not written that way. If you look at creation, it’s all about making room for creation to exist. It says that God created the heavens and the earth, but the real work begins with a small word “let.” We are going to see this throughout this whole study. This word can be described as “allow or permit.” God began his work so we could see it being made. I have been to concerts where the lights go out. Sometimes there is a curtain to block our view. I would say that the darkness blocked our view of God creating. For God to say “Let there be light” is pivotal. He is letting us in on the event. We exist solely because God permitted light to push aside the darkness. To draw back the curtain and turn on the show.

Job 28:24 *“For he looks to the ends of the earth and sees everything under the heavens.”*

In space there is darkness, but there is also a small amount of light. As you get closer to a star you will see light. A planet needs that star to light it up. Planets don’t glow by themselves. The Bible says that God has a glowing radiance that will fill the heavens. On earth, God will not let that radiance dominate until his plan is done. Was this the plan from Eden to Heaven? Why? I don’t know. So, in the meantime he created light. I believe God also uses that light to see his work. That creation also needs light to survive. Plants and people would not be able to live without light being the first thing given to them.

It makes sense then that the first commandment of creation was to give light to this world. You can't really make a plant and then add light. Our skin needs light waves to be healthy. Our eyes need light to see. The fish, birds, and plants all have eyes. Pretty much every creature uses light to exist. I would even say that the mountains and rivers need light to be seen. What is beauty without light. What is a flower without a color spectrum to give it splendor? People call out the Bible as old or dumb. What ancient book called light important before science said so? What book talked about stars and planets before astronomy confirmed it? Who put importance on photons before physics named it?

The first commandment of creation is first because it makes sense. People say "I do" before they marry. We get a shopping cart before we buy. I would even say we work before we get money. Everything has its place and order to get things done. We see God in creation. God can watch us by his light. This is the first chapter in the creation story. Yes, it's a verse, but everything proceeding it is dependent on light. The earth was formless and void, covered in darkness. How many other dead planets exist? We don't know because we can only see the ones close to a star. Philosophically speaking we only know life itself because we can see through the darkness at what God had made.

Matthew 4:16 *"the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the **shadow of death** a light has dawned."*

Psalm 23:4 *"Even though I walk through the valley of the **shadow of death**, I will fear no evil, for you are with me."*