

# AND IT WAS NIGHT!

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## INTRODUCTION

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A. TEXT: *“Jesus therefore answereth, He it is, for whom I shall dip the sop, and give it him. So when he had dipped the sop, he taketh and giveth it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. And after the sop, then entered Satan into him.....He then having received the sop went out straightway: **and it was night.**”* vs. 26, 27, 30.

B. SETTING:

1. The night of Jesus’ betrayal.
  2. Feast of unleaven bread, and Passover.
  3. Also the explanation of the Lord Supper (Matt. 26;26-29).
  4. Jesus knew that He was to be betrayed, and who it was that would betray Him.
  5. His statement was troubling to the disciples, and not fully understood.
  6. Except by Judas!
  7. Judas left the group, went out, *“and it was night”*.
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## “NIGHT”

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A. LITERAL NIGHT.

1. The period of darkness.
2. When the sun is gone.
3. The absence of light.

B. SPIRITUAL NIGHT.

1. Spoken of as the period of man’s alienation from God.
2. *“The night is far spent, and the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armor of light.”* (Rom. 13:12)

C. JESUS SAID....

1. *“I am the light of the world, he that followeth me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life.”* (John 8:12).
2. Also note: *“God is light, and in him is no darkness at all”* (I Jn. 1:5).

D. SINCE NIGHT IS THE ABSENCE OF LIGHT...

1. When Judas left Jesus, he went out, “and it was night”.
  2. When men leave God today, they go out and it is night!
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## SATAN ENTERED

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### A. WAS JUDAS UNDER THE TOTAL CONTROL OF SATAN?

1. *"And during the supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him."* v. 2.
2. *"And after the sop, then entered Satan into him"* v. 27.
3. Does this mean that Satan can take control of an individual?
4. Did Judas lose the freedom of choice?

### B. THERE IS PROGRESSION IN DARKNESS AS THERE IS IN LIGHT.

1. The devil first put it in the heart of Judas. V. 2
2. Then in v 27, Satan entered into him.

### C. LOOK AT THE OPPOSITE.

1. *"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God."* (Rom. 8:14).
  2. Christ dwells in us, Eph. 3:17, "Christ may dwell in your hearts".
  3. God dwells in us I John 4:12, "God abideth in us,.."
  4. Since we are led by the Spirit that dwells in us, and Christ dwells in us and God abides in us....Are we then totally controlled by God and without freedom of choice?
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## IF ..... THEN....

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### A. IF Satan can thus control man, THEN man is not a free moral agent, and cannot choose for himself.

1. Joshua was wrong: *"...choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve Jehovah"* (Joshua 24:15). They could NOT choose.
2. The Bible would be wrong to continue telling us *'His servants ye are whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness.'* (Rom. 6:16).
3. RATHER THE TRUTH WOULD BE....His servant ye are...who has by his superior power taken control of you!
4. If God, by direct operation of the Holy Spirit saves us, without our permission or will, .....THEN....here is a question to be answer????

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## B. HOW DOES GOD AND SATAN DETERMINE WHO GETS WHOM?

1. Does God tell Satan, you can have that one, but I get this one.
2. IF God does all of the deciding, then upon what basis does He determine which man (His creation, the object of His love) he will give to Satan?
  - a. Would, does this include infants, and those with no mind?
  - b. Did God create man for the express purpose of making Satan happy?
3. If man has no “will” in the matter of salvation, what is the basis for the judgment? **There could be no such thing as a judgment!**

## C. Judas, when he was tempted by Satan, chose to do his bidding, chose to leave Jesus, and when he made his choice, he left the light, “and it was night”.

## CONCLUSION

## A. WHEN YOU LEAVE THE LIGHT, THE ONLY PLACE YOU CAN GO IS INTO DARKNESS. NIGHT!

1. Jesus is the “light of the world”. (John 8:12).
  - a. When Judas left Him....it was to go into the “night.”
  - b. When men leave Jesus today...He can only go into darkness. Night!
2. The invitation is not.... “whosoever God chooses”....but.... “*And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And he that heareth, let him say, Come. And he that is athirst, let him come: he that will, let him take the water of life freely.*” (Rev. 22:17).

## B. THE CHRISTIAN IS: “*but ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief: for ye are all sons of light, and sons of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness:*” (I Thess. 5:4-5).

## C. HEAVEN IS DESCRIBED AS A PLACE WHERE THERE IS NO NIGHT!

1. “*And the gates thereof shall in no wise be shut by day (for there shall be no night there)*” (Rev. 21:25).
2. “*And there shall be night no more; and they need no light of lamp, neither light of sun; for the Lord God shall give them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.*” (Rev. 22:5)