



EVERLASTING LIGHT – PART 2

CLARITY IN CONFUSION

LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING

GENESIS 3:1-5

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,” ³ but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

⁴ “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. ⁵ “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

The enemy introduces the darkness of deceit and confusion.

PROVERBS 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

⁶ in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Why not lean on my own understanding?

Because of sin my ability to know and understand is compromised and unreliable.

HEBREWS 1:1

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways

God communicates with humanity repeatedly.

His communication is dimmed by the limitations of human messengers and listeners.

THE DARKNESS OF CONFUSION

Limitations of human messengers.

Listeners compromised by sin.

An enemy who deceives and confuses.

OUR PROPHET, PRIEST, AND KING

HEBREWS 1:1-3

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. ³ The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

JOHN 1:14-18

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵ (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, “This is the one I spoke about when I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’”)

¹⁶ Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

THE LIGHT OF REVELATION

Jesus our Prophet is fully human and fully God—speaking with complete authority and understanding.

Jesus our Priest cleanses us of sin and reconciles us to God.

Jesus our King defeats our enemy and delivers us from evil.