

## **THE FATHER OF LIGHTS**

God is given the title, *The Father of the Lights*, in our lesson text (James 1:17). Notice that the word **Lights** (ton phos/ gpln) is plural, while in (1 John 1:5), it is singular. “This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that **God is Light** and in Him there is no darkness.”

**This lesson will study five aspects of the theology associated with the plurality of The Father of Lights.**

### **1. God is the original source of the Light, and thus the Father of Lights.**

To understand the plurality of the Father of lights, we begin in Book of Genesis.

**Doctrinal formula:** “Then God said, ‘Let there be light.’ (Gen.1:3) [Day One of Creation] (Gen.1:3-5).

It became an issue in human history because of Lucifer (Satan) and the revolt of the fallen angels known in theology as the angelic conflict (Eph.6:10-17; Matt.16:21-23).

(Gen.1:2) “**The earth** was formless and void, and **darkness was over the surface of the deep**, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.”

(Isa.45:18) “For thus says the Lord, who created the heavens (He is the God who formed the earth and made it, **He established it and did not create it a waste place**, but formed it to be inhabited), I am the lord, and there is none else.” (Gen.1:1)

### **2. The Time Gap between (Gen.1:1) and (Gen.1:2) was the fall of Lucifer (Satan) and 1/3 of the angels who followed his rebellion against God in eternity past (Isa.14:12-15; Ezek.28:11-19; Rev.12:1-9).**

The consequence of this rebellion being that Satan and the fallen angels were sentenced to the Lake of Fire at the end of human history (Matt.25:41; Rev.20:2, 7-10).

This brings us to what followed (Gen.1:2) - (Gen.1:3-5) and Light of Day One:

(Gen.1:4) “God saw that **the light was good**; and God separated the light from the darkness.”  
(Ps.139:11-12)

**NOTE** that this is supernatural light and not the celestial light of Day Four.

### **3. God is the source of the creation of the celestial lights of Day four (Gen.1:14-19).**

(Gen.1:14-15) [Same formula] “**Then God said**, ‘Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth;’ and it was so.”

God did not give celestial lights (the stars) to govern mankind nor his activities on earth, the Word of God refers to engaging in such activity as divination (evil) in (Jer.27:9). But He did give mankind eyes to see God’s creation and a mind to marvel at God’s creation (Rom.1:18-23; Job 12:7-10; Ps.19:1-6).

(Prov.15:30) “Light of eyes gladden the heart; Good news puts fat on the bones.”

#### 4. God is the source of spiritual light in the soul of the believer.

(Ps.43:3a) “O send out Your Light and Your truth, let them lead them.”

You may recall singing a Christian hymn taken from it, “Send the Light.”

#### Jesus Christ was sent to earth as Gods spiritual light.

“In Him was life, and the **life was the light of men**. The **Light shines in darkness**, and the darkness did not comprehend it.” (John 1:4-5)

(John 1:9) “There was the **true Light** which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.” (John 3:19-21)

(John 8:12) “I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness but will have the Light of life.” (John 9:5; 12:35-36)

(2Tim.1:10) “But now has been revealed by the **appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel**.”

#### 5. In the Consummation of the Ages, God set forth His Son as the Light of the world.

(Heb.9:26) “Otherwise, He would have needed to suffer often since the foundation of the world; **but now once at the consummation of the ages He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself**.”

(John 12:46)

“I have come as light into the world, that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.”

(Col.1:12-14)

“giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”