

April 7, 2024 - Sunday a.m.

“The Eclipse...”

Psalms 19:1 NIV; 2-6 NLT

¹*The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.*

²*Day after day they continue to speak night after night they make him known.*

³*They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard.*

⁴*Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world. God has made a home in the heavens for the sun.*

⁵*It bursts forth like a radiant bridegroom after his wedding. It rejoices like a great athlete eager to run the race.*

⁶*The sun rises at one end of the heavens and follows its course to the other end. Nothing can hide from its heat.*

1. “The Eclipses...to _____!”

Romans 8:31, 32, 35, 37-39 NKJ

³¹*What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?*

³²*He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?*

³⁵*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*

³⁷*Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.*

³⁸*For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,*

³⁹*nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

2 Corinthians 11:23-27 NLT

²³*Are they servants of Christ? I know I sound like a madman, but I have served him far more! I have worked harder, been put in prison more often, been whipped times without number, and faced death again and again.*

²⁴*Five different times the Jewish leaders gave me thirty-nine lashes.*

²⁵*Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked. Once I spent a whole night and a day adrift at sea.*

²⁶*I have traveled on many long journeys. I have faced danger from rivers and from robbers. I have faced danger from my own people, the Jews, as well as from the Gentiles. I have faced danger in the cities, in the deserts, and on the seas. And I have faced danger from men who claim to be believers but are not.*

²⁷*I have worked hard and long, enduring many sleepless nights. I have been hungry and thirsty and have often gone without food. I have shivered in the cold, without enough clothing to keep me warm.*

1 Corinthians 10:13b NKJ

...God is faithful...!

2. “The Eclipses...to _____!”

Mark 4:3-7 NLT

³*“Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seed.*

⁴*As he scattered it across his field, some of the seed fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate it.*

⁵ Other seed fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seed sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow.

⁶ But the plant soon wilted under the hot sun, and since it didn't have deep roots, it died.

⁷ Other seed fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants so they produced no grain.

A. Avoid the “_____ Soil” Eclipse!

Mark 4:14-15 NLT

¹⁴ The farmer plants seed by taking God's word to others.

¹⁵ The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message, only to have Satan come at once and take it away.

Matthew 13:19 NLT

The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message about the Kingdom and don't understand it. Then the evil one comes and snatches away the seed that was planted in their hearts.

Romans 6:14 NIV

For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

Romans 8:13b

...If by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Proverbs 4:23 NIV

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

B. Avoid the “_____ Soil” Eclipse!

Mark 4:16-17 NKJ

¹⁶ These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness;

¹⁷ and they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word's sake, immediately they stumble.

C. Avoid the “_____ Soil” Eclipse!

Mark 4:18 NLT, 19 NIV

¹⁸ The seed that fell among the thorns represents others who hear God's word,

¹⁹ but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.

1. **Worries – Anxieties, _____, cares.**
2. **The _____ of Wealth – The deception that external possessions can satisfy.**
3. **Desires for other _____, come in – The craving, especially for what is forbidden.**

We will become _____ and productive spiritual soil!

Luke 8:15 NLT

And the seeds that fell on the good soil represent honest, good-hearted people who hear God's word, cling to it, and patiently produce a huge harvest.

By God's grace, we choose to ENDURE the eclipses which we must face, to AVOID the eclipses which we should, and to _____ in the ongoing light of the "SON", Jesus!