

OUTER DARKNESS



**LET ME GO BACK!
I HAVEN'T DONE
ANYTHING FOR YOU!**

INTRODUCTION:

“Outer Darkness” is a real place. I know because I have been there. Because of this experience, I feel qualified to present the following views, supported by the Scriptures, on what “Outer Darkness” is, and who is going there. I believe “Outer Darkness” is the “Greater Damnation” spoken of in the Bible. This is because it is total separation from God, and what could be worse? It is hard for people to understand what total separation from God means, because all of us, even ‘unbelievers’, are surrounded by His creation and His work here on earth. We are never truly separated from God. I also believe that no human being can understand what total Darkness really is. Even at night we are surrounded by some light. The only time I can remember being close to total Darkness was in a cavern. When they turned out the lights it was very dark, but even that wasn’t total Darkness! Probably the worst thing about going to “Outer Darkness” is that I was completely alone. It is horrible to be all alone, floating around on your back, in an unseen place, totally separated from God; with just your thoughts to occupy you, and to know that you are there for Eternity! I believe the reason I went to “Outer Darkness” is because I was a Transgressor. I knew the ‘Will of God’, but I wasn’t doing it. I believe that “Outer Darkness” is where ‘all’ the ‘Transgressors’ are going to go, who know the ‘Will of God’ and don’t do it!

I. WHAT IS REAL DARKNESS?

‘Real Darkness’ has no light. On earth, even the night is considered a ‘light’ and not the ‘Dark’!

Gen 1:16

16 **And God made two great lights;** the greater light to rule the day, and **the lesser light to rule the night;** he made the stars also.

II. WHERE IS OUTER DARKNESS AND WHAT IS IT LIKE?

“Outer Darkness” is a ‘Land of Darkness’, the ‘Shadow of Death’, and has ‘No Order’ to it. It makes you realize the importance of having God’s Order in our lives. Without Order, there is ‘Confusion’!

Job 10:21-22

21 **Before I go whence I shall not return, even to the land of darkness and the shadow of death;**

22 **A land of darkness, as darkness itself; and of the shadow of death, without any order, and where the light is as darkness.**

III. WHAT IS OUTER DARKNESS?

I believe “Outer Darkness” is the ‘Greater Damnation’. This is because it is total separation from God. You are in total Blackness, with nothing but your thoughts to remind you of what you could have done for Him. Remember, this is for Eternity!

Matt 23:14

14 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: **therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.**

IV. WHO WILL GO THERE?

Those going to “Outer Darkness” are those that are like the Scribes, Pharisees, and Hypocrites; including those of today!

Luke 20:46-47

46 **Beware of the scribes**, which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts;
47 Which devour widows' houses, and for a shew make long prayers: **the same shall receive greater damnation.**

Also going to “Outer darkness” are the False Prophets and False Teachers.

2 Pet 2:1

1 But there were **false prophets** also among the people, even **as there shall be false teachers among you**, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, **and bring upon themselves swift destruction.**

2 Pet 2:17

17 These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; **to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.**

3. And those who have crept into the Church unawares.

Jude 4

4 **For there are certain men crept in unawares**, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, **ungodly men**, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jude 13

13 Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; **wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.**

V. OTHERS GOING TO OUTER DARKNESS:

All those that know the Lord's Will, but don't do it!

Matt 8:11-12 (Such as the ‘Outward Jews’)

11 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.

12 **But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

Matt 22:11-13 (Those with no ‘Wedding Garment’)

11 **And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:**

12 **And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.**

13 **Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

Matt 25:18 (The ‘Slothful Servant’)

18 But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

Matt 25:26-27

26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:

27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

Matt 25:30

30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

PRE-CONCLUSION:

Jesus said even some of His Disciples would not make it!

John 6:64-66

64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.

65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

66 From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

CONCLUSION:

The Good (God) News is:

Heb 12:14-18

14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

16 Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.

17 For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

18 For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest,

Amen!
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