

Psalms 105:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He sent darkness, and made it dark; and they rebelled not against his word.

Analysis

God 'sent darkness and made it dark' - the ninth plague. This reversed creation's first day when God said 'Let there be light.' Egypt experienced un-creation, demonstrating God's power to withdraw His common grace blessings. 'They rebelled not against his word' is difficult—most translations understand it as Moses and Aaron obeying, or possibly that even darkness obeyed God's command. Christ's crucifixion brought darkness over the land (Matt 27:45), symbolizing divine judgment. The Reformed understanding recognizes God's control over natural phenomena to accomplish His purposes.

Historical Context

The plague of darkness (Exod 10:21-29) was particularly significant as it struck at Ra, the Egyptian sun god. Three days of complete darkness demonstrated Yahweh's superiority over Egypt's chief deity.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does God's ability to send and remove light serve as a metaphor for spiritual truth and blessing?
2. What does the darkness at Christ's crucifixion reveal about the gravity of divine judgment on sin?

Interlinear Text

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not against his word

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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 99:7 (Parallel theme): He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar: they kept his testimonies, and the ordinance that he gave them.

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