

“The Darkness Where God Was”



Exodus 20:21

The people remained at a distance while
... Moses approached the thick darkness
where God was (NIV) (KJV)

... Moses approached the thick cloud
where God was (NEB)

... Moses entered the deep darkness
where God was (NLT)



When God is remote/distant from us,
he seems safe





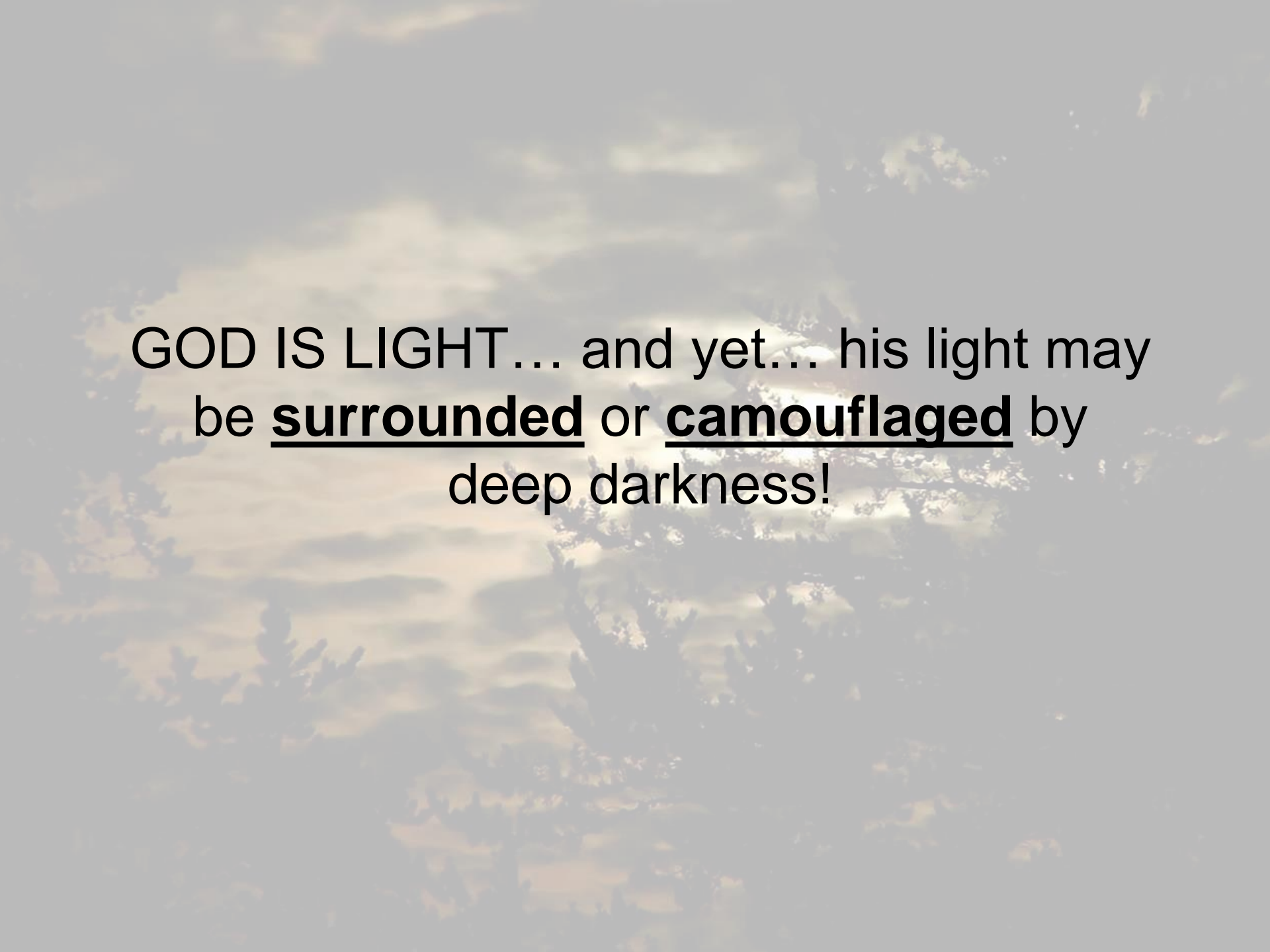








When God comes close and becomes very **present/exposed** to us, he does not always seem safe. In Biblical descriptions of close up encounters with God, people are overwhelmed with **fear** and **dismay**.



GOD IS LIGHT... and yet... his light may
be **surrounded** or **camouflaged** by
deep darkness!





GOD DWELLS WITHIN the darkness
of **history**

*The essential fact of history is not
demonic **strategy**, but divine **sovereignty**.

GOD DWELLS WITHIN the darkness of human experience

*The essential (basic, important) fact of human experience is not the darkness of pain and confusion, but the reality of comfort and companionship.

GOD DWELLS WITHIN the darkness
of death

*the essential fact of death
is not that it is separation from earthly
life, but that it is approach to eternal life.

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