

It is said many times in the Bible (e.g., 1 Jn 1:5) that God is light. Of course, this has an obvious reference to being able to see more clearly in God's presence what is good. Darkness is then the same as evil. But if we think about what light is in a more physical sense, I think that we can find another lesson lurking about.

What we usually call light is really just visible light, for light is by definition electromagnetic radiation. What we can see with our eyes is only the tiniest fraction of what really exists, for the electromagnetic spectrum consists of radio waves, microwaves, infrared or heat rays, visible light, ultraviolet rays, and x-rays. Each of these rays can be used to 'see' things that otherwise would be hidden. X-rays, of course, show us when our body has internal problems. Infrared rays can help us to see at night, and microwaves and radio waves help us locate and track aircraft and satellites. The point is that God, as usual, has given us quite a bit to think about in a very simple statement. There is much about God that is sort of hidden beneath the surface, that we really have to study to make use of. We must search for him, and when we do we will be much blessed for it, for he will help us see more and more the more we know him. Just as the visible part of the spectrum of light helps us to avoid stumbling over obstacles in life, our increasing knowledge of God can steer us clear of problems we would not have known about but for his word.