

I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the LORD, the God of Israel, who summons you by name. Isaiah 45:3 (NIV)

Darkness

I gather that you are not a fan of the darkness. That's right, there is no doubt about that. **You don't like it when you can't see clearly.** Yep. **You don't like it when things are not going your way.** That's true. **You don't like it when you are encountering troubles and experiencing trials.** You got that right. Who likes the darkness? Who has any pleasure in troubles and trials? Who has joy in things not going their way? **Those actually are good questions.** Why is that? **I'm not expecting that you will be grateful and thankful for troubles and trials that have come into your life. I don't expect you to be a fan of darkness. It would be weird if you enjoyed things not going your way. But have you received any benefit in the troubles and trials you have gone through?** Well yes, I have as a matter of fact. **How so?** In the darkness I have cried out to you. I have drawn near to you. You have drawn near to me. I have held on to you as you have held on to me. **So, you would say that our relationship has grown more intimate as you have cried out to me, when you have found yourself in the darkness?** Yes, I would. **Is that a valuable treasure? Is that something you highly value?** Yes, our relationship becoming more intimate is a valuable treasure that I wouldn't trade for anything else in this life. **That's very good. Would you also say that your faith has grown stronger as you have cried out to me in the darkness of troubles and trials, when things have not gone your way?** Yes, my faith has grown stronger as I have cried out to you. **Why is that?** You have been with me to help me in my troubles and trials. You have been my refuge and fortress. You have been my shelter in every storm. **Is your faith in me growing stronger, a valuable treasure, you have received in the darkness as you have relied on me?** Yes, it is. **One final question. I'm listening. Have times of darkness helped you to come to know me in new ways?** Yes, without a doubt. **How so?** Moments of darkness have helped me to know you as my counselor and comforter. Moments of darkness have helped me to know you as my healer. Moments of darkness have helped me to know you as my defender and deliverer. **Isn't that good? Are these not also treasures that you have received as you have walked through the darkness with me?** Yes Lord, these are all treasures I have received as I have walked through the darkness with you. Thank you for your goodness. Thank you for your kindness and mercy and love. You have richly blessed my life with many hidden treasures that could only have been found in the darkness. **Yes, I have. Yes, I am. Yes, I will.**

Lord, I am not a fan of darkness. I would like to avoid darkness of every kind. I know this world is filled with darkness that I must walk through. Help me to walk through darkness. Show me treasures that I can only receive by walking through darkness with you. Amen

Promises *Treasures Of Darkness*

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NIV Isaiah 45:3

Promises *Treasures Of Darkness*

I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

ESV Isaiah 45:3

Promises *Treasures Hidden In The Darkness*

And I will give you treasures hidden in the darkness— secret riches. I will do this so you may know that I am the LORD, the God of Israel, the one who calls you by name.

NLT Isaiah 45:3

Promises *Treasures Of Darkness*

I will give you the treasures of darkness And hidden riches of secret places, That you may know that I, the LORD, Who call you by your name, Am the God of Israel.

NKJV Isaiah 45:3

Promises *Treasures Of Darkness*

I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

NRSV Isaiah 45:3

Promises *Buried Treasures*

I'll lead you to buried treasures, secret caches of valuables— Confirmations that it is, in fact, I, GOD, the God of Israel, who calls you by your name.

MSG Isaiah 45:3

Promises *Treasures Of Darkness*

And I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places, that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, Who calls you by your name.

AMP Isaiah 45:3

Promises *Treasures Hidden In The Darkness*

And I will give you treasures hidden in the darkness, secret riches; and you will know that I am doing this—I, the Lord, the God of Israel, the one who calls you by your name.

TLB Isaiah 45:3

Promises *Treasures Of Darkness*

"I will give you the treasures of darkness And hidden wealth of secret places, So that you may know that it is I, The LORD, the God of Israel, who calls you by your name.

NASB Isaiah 45:3

Promises *Hidden Riches*

I will give you the wealth that is stored away and the hidden riches so you will know I am the LORD, the God of Israel, who calls you by name.

NCV Isaiah 45:3

Treasures Of Darkness

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Promises – Isaiah 45:3

In Context: *Read Isaiah 45*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

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What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When have you gone through dark times that required you to hold on to God with all your strength?

How have you cried out to God and relied on His help when you have gone through darkness?

How has your faith grown stronger as you have gone through darkness with the Lord?

How is your relationship with the Lord now more intimate because you have gone through darkness with Him?

What treasures could you have only received by going through dark times with the Lord?

How have you come to know God in different ways because you have walked through darkness with Him?

How has the Lord delivered you out of darkness and brought you into His marvelous light?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Draw near to God and hold on to Him when you are walking through darkness in life.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that the Lord will be with you to help you walk through darkness in life.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord has helped you to walk through darkness with Him.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you allow the Lord to show you treasures you can only receive by walking through darkness with Him.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will draw near to you and hold on to you tightly as I walk through darkness with you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, what do you want me to see, and receive, and know as I walk through darkness with you?
