



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

“Do you have Son shine in your heart today?”

Total Eclipse of the Son

Recently, an eclipse of the sun could be seen by many in the US. I was checking out at the store when the cashier took me out to see the eclipse with her special glasses. It was only a partial eclipse and it looked like a crescent moon. This was the second one that I had seen in my life. It seemed like everyone stopped for a few minutes to view the event. The next total one in the US is slated for August 23, 2044.

According to NASA, the first recorded eclipse took place on November 30, 3340 BC. Legend has it that two astrologers, His and Ho, were executed for failing to predict the October 22, 2134 BC eclipse. Clay tablets found at ancient archaeological sites show that the Babylonians not only recorded eclipses—the earliest known Babylonian record is of the eclipse that took place on May 3, 1375 BC—but were also fairly accurate in predicting them.¹ The longest known totality was seven minutes and 28 seconds in 743 B.C.² During a 5,000-year period, the Earth will experience 11,898 eclipses of the sun.³

When there is a total eclipse of the sun, there is the absence of light, direction, and activity. This reminds me of when there is a total eclipse of the Son. There is the absence of light to the meaning of life. There is a lack of direction for life. There is no meaningful activity in life.

“Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.” John 5:12 “And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.” John 3:19, 20 “This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth.” 1 John 1:5, 6

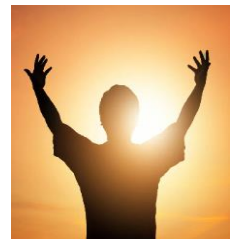
Is sin causing the eclipse of the Son? “But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.” Is 59:2 If so then confess, repent, and renew. I John 1:9. Are circumstances, events, people, depression causing the darkness? Then “casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.” 1 Peter 5:7

Yes, the Light of the World is Jesus. So let the Son shine through. Face Him with a smile. You can then sing: “There is Son shine in my soul today.” “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” Matt 5:16 “Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.” Ps 30:5



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“For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” II Corinthians 4:6



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²cbsnews.com/news/solar-eclipse-2024-times/

³eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/SEpubs/5MCSE.html

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