WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2021

Darkness or Light

We must work ... while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work.

John 9:4

Our plane landed in Anchorage, Alaska, at 11:30 p.m. on June 24, 2019. A bright orange sun rested just above the horizon. Throughout our three-week vacation we observed gardens filled with gigantic vegetables, beautiful flowers, and lush forests, the result of nearly 24 hours of daylight.

Alaskan locals were quick to inform us that the opposite is true in winter, when darkness reigns through most of the daytime hours. Road work and construction cease; gardens lay buried beneath the snow. Alaskans have learned the importance of working while it is day.

Jesus stressed the need to work while it is day against the spiritual darkness of our world. In the sunshine of his love we look forward to eternal life in the light of heaven.

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Teach me, Lord, to do your work while it is day and to share your light with my neighbors. Amen.

Reflect: How many hours of sunshine will you enjoy today? How can you use those hours to God's glory?

Read: John 9 and John 12:35