

The Light of Dawn
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But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day. Proverbs 4:18

At first glance this seems like a nicely poetic description about our walk in life. If you are walking just before dawn, there's light, but things aren't clear; but then as the day grows, things become brighter and brighter and you can finally see clearly. Likewise, as we grow and live, we understand more of God's law and instruction, and we can apply it more readily to our lives. We can spot wickedness and danger more quickly, because we've seen it before.

This is something that is quite true, and it is why in the Scriptures we are constantly instructed to respect our elders, to learn from their wisdom. And we ought to remember that God does give growth and makes things more clear in time - this is something vital to remember in these dark days.

But there's something much more important here. That word for "Path" is the same word for "Way" - as in when Jesus says, "I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man comes to the Father but by Me." (John 14:6) This verse from Proverbs isn't just practical advice - it is proclaiming Jesus.

In the midst of hard mornings and dim dawns that seem dastardly, you are upon Christ Jesus. He is the Path, the Way of the righteous, and He shines brighter and brighter. Even as wickedness and darkness surge all around, Christ Jesus conquers. A light shines in the darkness, as John puts it in his Gospel (John 1:5).

And even though darkness and evil swirl around, and even though you may stumble, Christ Jesus continues on, never stopping, never foiled or failing in His mission to win you forgiveness and life with His death and resurrection. So in the midst of all the stuff that might come swooping in at you this week, remain on Him. Jesus will never fail you.