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Colors

Black or Darkness and Sin Outline

There is a very strong association between the color black or darkness and the subject of sin in the scriptures. This is in contrast to the association between the color white or light and the subject of righteousness. Black is the absence of color, just like dark is the absence of light. Sin is defined as the transgression of the law: 1 John 3:4 "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."

God made a strong distinction between light and darkness in the creation: Gen. 1:2 "And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. 3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day."

In viewing the association between black, or darkness and sin we will notice several aspects of sin pointed out by this association: