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Darkness covers the land

- **Amos 8.9:** In that day (the Day of the Lord – a time of God’s judgment on the earth), declares the Sovereign Lord, “I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight.
- **Exodus 10.21:** Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward the sky so that darkness spreads over Egypt—darkness that can be felt.”



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Cross = display of God's love

- **Romans 5.8:** But God demonstrated His love in this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us
- **Darkness** = God's judgment on our sin directed towards Jesus
 - **1Thes 5.9:** For God did not appoint us suffer wrath but to receive salvation through Jesus
- **Curtain** = way to the Father has been opened
 - **Heb 10.19-22:** Therefore, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus...let us draw near to God



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Feeling forsaken - abandoned, deserted, left behind; See Psalm 22

- **Have I moved away from God?**
 - **Prodigal Son (Lk 15)** - hardening of our hearts
 - Father welcomes us home
- **Has God 'moved away' from me?**
 - **2Chronicles 32.31:** God left Hezekiah to test him and to know everything that was in his heart.
 - **Test** – to prove the quality of our faith, usually through adversity
 - **Hebrews 13.5:** God has said, Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.