God's Consummate Power and Constant Love Genesis 1:14-19

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Introduction: How would the Israelites have received the account of day 4? God is humiliating the idol-gods of men!

- 1. God of Consummate Power
 - a. God who creates by mere speaking
 - b. God who creates instantaneously
 - c. Note that sun, moon, and stars don't even get names here. They are merely described for their function: "for the realm of the day" ... "to give light" ... "greater light" ... etc.
 - d. There is no Ra, Thoth, Marduk. Government. Work. Marriage. Family. Wealth. Self. All make terrible gods because they were created to be good servants under God.
 - e. Ultimately, the most important thing in your life is how you relate to the One True God.
- 2. God of Constant Love
 - a. God's steadfast love never takes a break, day or night.
 - b. Of all God's acts of creation, Psalm 136:7-9 highlights this particular one.
 - c. When emphasizing God's constancy and faithfulness in James 1:12-18, the Holy Spirit calls Him the Father of lights (plural!).

Conclusion: These *constant* displays of God's power and love should always point us to the *greatest* display of God's power and love: the cross!