

A Christian may for many days together  
see neither sun nor star,  
neither light in God's countenance,  
nor light in his own heart;  
In the dark condition, if they do as  
St. Paul ... did,  
cast an anchor even in  
the dark night of temptation,  
and pray still for day,  
God will appear,  
and all shall clear up,  
we shall see light without  
and right within;  
the Day-star will arise in our hearts.

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~ Richard Sibbes (1809)