

## LIGHT

### God and Light

#### 1. God is light.

- a. **1 Jn 1:5** 5 God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

#### 2. God covers himself with light.

- a. **Ps 104:1-2** 1 You [Yahweh] are clothed with splendor and majesty, 2 covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent.
- b. The light dwells with God.
  - (1) **Da 2:22** 22 [God] reveals deep and hidden things. He knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him.
- c. Rays of light flash from God's hand.
  - (1) **Hab 3:4** 4 God's brightness was like the light. Rays flashed from his hand, and there he veiled his power.
- d. God dwells in unapproachable light.
  - (1) **1 Ti 6:16** 16 [God] dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.
- e. God is in the light.
  - (1) **1 Jn 1:6-7** 7 [God] is in the light.

#### 3. In Scripture God appears as:

- a. A flaming torch.
  - (1) **Ge 15:17** 17 When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.
- b. A flame of fire.
  - (1) **Ex 3:2** 2 The angel of Yahweh appeared to [Moses] in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed.
- c. A pillar of fire.
  - (1) **Ex 13:21** 21 Yahweh went before [Israel] by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night.
- d. Fire.
  - (1) **Ex 19:18** 18 Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because Yahweh had descended on it in fire.
- e. A devouring fire.
  - (1) **Ex 24:17** 17 The appearance of the glory of Yahweh was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel.
- f. Our lamp.
  - (1) **2 Sa 22:29** 29 You are my lamp, Yahweh, and Yahweh illumines my darkness.
- g. Light from heaven.
  - (1) **Ac 9:3** 3 [Saul] approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him.

**4. God created light.**

- a. **Ge 1:3** 3 God said, Let there be light, and there was light.
- b. God called the light Day.
  - (1) **Ge 1:5** 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.
- c. Light was the first thing God created.

**5. God separated the light from the darkness.**

- a. **Ge 1:4** 4 God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness.
- b. Light is sweet and pleasant.
  - (1) **Ec 11:7** 7 Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun.

**6. God established the heavenly lights.**

- a. **Ps 74:16** 16 Yours is the day, yours also the night. You have established the heavenly lights and the sun.
- b. God is the Father of lights with whom there is no shadow.
  - (1) **Jas 1:17** 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

**7. Only God knows the way to the dwelling of light.**

- a. **Job 38:19-20** 19 Where is the way to the dwelling of light, and where is the place of darkness, 20 that you [Job] may take it to its territory and that you may discern the paths to its home?

**8. God illumines our darkness.**

- a. **2 Sa 22:29** 29 You are my lamp, Yahweh, and Yahweh illumines my darkness.
  - (1) **Ps 18:28** 28 It is you who light my lamp. Yahweh my God lightens my darkness.
- b. Only in God's light are we able to see light.
  - (1) **Ps 36:9** 9 In your light do we see light.
- c. God has made his light to shine upon us.
  - (1) **Ps 118:27** 27 Yahweh is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

**9. Darkness is as light with God.**

- a. **Ps 139:11-12** 11 If I say, Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light about me be night, 12 even the darkness is not dark to you. The night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

## *Jesus and Light*

### **1. God gave Jesus as a light for the nations.**

- a. **Is 42:6** 6 I [Yahweh] will give you [Messiah] as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations.
- b. Jesus is the light who has dawned in Galilee.
  - (1) **Mt 4:15-16** 15 The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— 16 the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.
- c. Jesus is the true light that came into the world.
  - (1) **Jn 1:7-9** 7 [John] came as a witness, to testify about the light, so that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but he came to testify about the light. 9 There was the true light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.

### **2. Jesus' life is the light of men.**

- a. **Jn 1:4** 4 In [the Word] was life, and the life was the light of men.
- b. During Jesus' transfiguration, his face shone like the sun.
  - (1) **Mt 17:2** 2 [Jesus] was transfigured before [Peter, James, and John], his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.
- c. Jesus is the true light that enlightens every man.
  - (1) **Jn 1:9** 9 There was the true light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.
- d. Jesus is the light of the world.
  - (1) **Jn 8:12** 12 Jesus spoke to [the Jewish people] saying, I am the light of the world.
- e. Jesus has come into the world as light.
  - (1) **Jn 12:46** 46 I [Jesus] have come into the world as light.

### **3. Jesus is the light who has dawned on those dwelling in death.**

- a. **Is 9:2** 2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.
  - (1) **Mt 4:16** 16 The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.
- b. Jesus brings out from the prison those who sit in darkness.
  - (1) **Is 42:7** 7 ...To open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.
- c. Jesus gives light to those who sit in darkness.
  - (1) **Lk 1:78-79** 78 The sunrise shall visit us from on high 79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

## *Bible and Light*

- 1. God has given us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God.**
  - a. **2 Co 4:6** 6 God, who said, Let light shine out of darkness, has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Messiah.
  
- 2. God's word is a light to our path.**
  - a. **Ps 119:105** 105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
  - b. The unfolding of God's words gives light.
    - (1) **Ps 119:130** 130 The unfolding of your words gives light. It imparts understanding to the simple.
  
- 3. We are to pay attention to Scripture as to a lamp shining in a dark place.**
  - a. **2 Pe 1:19** 19 We have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

## *Sin and Light*

1. **Many rebel against the light.**
  - a. **Job 24:13** 13 There are those who rebel against the light, who are not acquainted with its ways and do not stay in its paths.
2. **People love the darkness rather than the light.**
  - a. **Jn 3:19-20** 19 This is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. 20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.
3. **The way of the wicked is like deep darkness.**
  - a. **Pr 4:19** 19 The way of the wicked is like deep darkness. They do not know over what they stumble.
  - b. The chiefs of the people group in the dark without light.
    - (1) **Job 12:24-25** 24 [God] takes away understanding from the chiefs of the people of the earth and makes them wander in a trackless waste. 25 They grope in the dark without light.
4. **The darkness does not comprehend the light.**
  - a. **Jn 1:5** 5 The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness did not comprehend it.
5. **The light is among unbelievers for a little while longer.**
  - a. **Jn 12:35-36** 35 Jesus said to [the Jewish crowd], The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. 36 While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.
6. **The light of the wicked is put out.**
  - a. **Job 18:5-6** 5 The light of the wicked is put out, and the flame of his fire does not shine. 6 The light is dark in his tent, and his lamp above him is put out.

## *Israel and Light*

### **1. Nations will come to Israel's light.**

- a. **Is 60:1-3** 1 Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of Yahweh has risen upon you [Israel]. 2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples. But Yahweh will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. 3 And nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

### **2. God will help Jerusalem when her morning dawns.**

- a. **Ps 46:5** 5 God is in the midst of [Jerusalem]. She shall not be moved. God will help her when morning dawns.

## *Salvation and Light*

### **1. As believers, we do not remain in darkness.**

- a. **Jn 12:46** 46 I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.
- b. Whoever does what is true comes to the light.
  - (1) **Jn 3:21** 21 Whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.
- c. God has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.
  - (1) **1 Pe 2:9** 9 You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

### **2. God lights us with the light of life.**

- a. **Job 33:28-30** 28 [God] has redeemed my soul from going down into the pit, and my life will look upon the light. 29 Behold, God does all these things, twice, three times, with a man, 30 to bring back his soul from the pit, that he may be lighted with the light of life.

### **3. We are the light of the world.**

- a. **Mt 5:14** 14 You [disciples] are the light of the world.
- b. We are sons of light.
  - (1) **Jn 12:35-36** 35 Jesus said to [the Jewish crowd], The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. 36 While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.
- c. We are light in the Lord.
  - (1) **Eph 5:8** 8 At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.
- d. We are children of the light.
  - (1) **1 Th 5:5** 5 You are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness.

### **4. We share in the inheritance of the saints in light.**

- a. **Col 1:12-13** 12 ...Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. 13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.

## *Christian Life and Light*

### **1. We will always have light where we live.**

- a. **Ex 10:22-23** 22 Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was pitch darkness in all the land of Egypt three days. 23 They did not see one another, nor did anyone rise from his place for three days, but all the people of Israel had light where they lived.

### **2. God goes before us to give us light.**

- a. **Ex 13:21** 21 Yahweh went before [Israel] by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night.
- b. God illumines our darkness.  
(1) **2 Sa 22:29** 29 You are my lamp, Yahweh, and Yahweh illumines my darkness.
- c. God lightens our darkness.  
(1) **Ps 18:28** 28 It is you who light my lamp. Yahweh my God lightens my darkness.
- d. Only in God's light may we see light.  
(1) **Ps 36:9** 9 With you is the fountain of life. In your light do we see light.
- e. God sends out his light to lead us.  
(1) **Ps 43:3** 3 Send out your light and your truth. Let them lead me. Let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!
- f. Light is sown for us.  
(1) **Ps 97:11** 11 Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.
- g. Light dawns in the darkness for us.  
(1) **Ps 112:4** 4 Light dawns in the darkness for the upright.
- h. We are to follow Jesus and so have the light of life.  
(1) **Jn 8:12** Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

### **3. Our whole body is to be full of light.**

- a. **Mt 6:22-23** 22 The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light. 23 But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!
- b. **Lk 11:34-36** 34 Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light, but when it is bad, your body is full of darkness. 35 Therefore be careful lest the light in you be darkness. 36 If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, it will be wholly bright, as when a lamp with its rays gives you light.
- c. We are to put on the armor of light.  
(1) **Ro 13:12-13** 12 The night is far gone. The day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. 13 Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy.
- d. If we walk in the light, we will enjoy fellowship with God and each other.



(1) **1 Jn 1:6-7** 6 If we say we have fellowship with [God] while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another.

#### **4. We are to walk in God's light.**

- a. **Is 2:5** 5 House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of Yahweh.
- b. We are to walk as children of light.
  - (1) **Eph 5:8** 8 At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.
- c. We are to awake and rise from the dead, that Messiah may shine on us.
  - (1) **Eph 5:14** 14 Anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Messiah will shine on you.

#### **5. We are to let our light shine before others.**

- a. **Mt 5:14-16** 14 You [disciples] are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.
- b. We are to put our light on a stand.
  - (1) **Lk 11:33** 33 No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar or under a basket, but on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light.
- c. John the Baptist was a burning and shining lamp.
  - (1) **Jn 5:35** 35 [John the Baptist] was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.
- d. We are to work the works of God while it is day.
  - (1) **Jn 9:4** 4 We must work the works of [the Father] who sent me [Jesus] while it is day. Night is coming, when no one can work.
- e. We are to shine as lights in the world.
  - (1) **Php 2:14-16** 14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing, 15 that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.

#### **6. We are sent to turn people from darkness to light.**

- a. **Ac 26:17-18** 17 ...Delivering you [Paul] from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I [Jesus] am sending you 18 to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God.

#### **7. We may experience a temporary dark night of the soul.**

- a. **Job 29:2-4** 2 Oh, that I [Job] were as in the months of old, as in the days when God watched over me, 3 when his lamp shone on my head, and by his light I walked through darkness, 4 as I was in my prime, when the friendship of God was on my tent.

#### **8. The path of the righteous shines brighter and brighter.**

- a. **Pr 4:18** 18 The path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day.

## *End Times and Light*

- 1. Jesus will dawn on us like the morning light.**
  - a. **2 Sa 23:3-4** 3 When one rules justly over men, ruling in the fear of God, 4 he dawns on them like the morning light, like the sun shining forth on a cloudless morning.
  - b. There will be a unique day on which at evening time there will be light.
    - (1) **Zec 14:7** 7 There will be a unique day, which is known to Yahweh, neither day nor night, but at evening time there will be light.
  - c. The morning star will rise in our hearts
    - (1) **2 Pe 1:19** 19 ...Until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.
- 2. God will bring to light the things now hidden.**
  - a. **1 Co 4:5** 5 Do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.
- 3. God will be our everlasting light.**
  - a. **Is 60:19-20** 19 The sun will be no more your light by day, nor for brightness will the moon give you light, but Yahweh will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. 20 Your sun will no more go down, nor your moon withdraw itself, for Yahweh will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning will be ended.
  - b. God's glory gives the New Jerusalem its light.
    - (1) **Re 21:23** 23 The city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light.
  - c. God will be our light.
    - (1) **Re 22:5** 5 Night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.
- 4. Jesus will be the lamp of New Jerusalem.**
  - a. **Re 21:23** 23 The city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.
- 5. The nations will walk by the light radiating from the New Jerusalem.**
  - a. **Re 21:24** 24 By [the New Jerusalem's] light will the nations walk.
- 6. There will be no night in New Jerusalem.**
  - a. **Re 21:25** 25 There will be no night [in New Jerusalem].

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