

## Jesus Is The Light Of The World

Jesus spoke to them saying, "I am the Light of the world. He who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

God said, "Let there be light; and there was light" (Genesis 1:3). The first thing that God created on the earth was light; and not because He needed light to see, but because the heavens and the earth were still dark and void. He would make His future human creation to need light to live. The words God spoke, caused the light to appear from His very countenance and expel the darkness. 'Lord, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us" (Psalm 4:6).

Scientists who study light, know that light is an entity; a physical constant; a substance that travels in waves. Light is an essential characteristic of the Lord's very nature. There is light inside of Himself, and He beams it out to all creation. Light existed before God created atoms; before He made chemical elements and before He established the law of gravity. Only God knows where both light and darkness dwell, because He created them both, and the following verses show light to be a substance that 'dwells' somewhere. 'Where is the way to the dwelling of light? And darkness, where is its place that You may take it to its territory, and that You may discern the paths to its home?' (Job 38:19 & 20)

On the third day God created all the vegetation. God's shining Light was enough to sustain the vegetation that He had created. On the fourth day, God created the sun, moon and the stars. The Bible distinguishes between the primary Light of God and the secondary, created lights of the heavens. Two different Hebrew words are used for these two lights. For the Light of God, the Hebrew word is pronounced 'Orr'. For the light of the sun, the Hebrew word is pronounced 'Ma'orr'. 'Ma'orr' is also used when describing the light that shines from a lamp. The Lord clearly distinguishes between the two lights. 'For with You is the fountain of life; in Your Light, do we see light' (Psalm 36:9). "I create both light and darkness ... I, the Lord do all these things" (Isaiah 45:7). The scriptures say God's commandments are a lamp and the teachings within the Bible are His primary Light; His 'Orr'. 'For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching is Light' (Proverbs 6:23).

The primary 'Orr' Light, is associated with the first coming of Jesus, Who ushered in the Kingdom of Light. God's Light is our Messiah Himself, and a plan of redemption for His people was part of God's plan from before creation. Isaiah told us the sun, moon and stars will one day not be needed, because the Lord Jesus Himself will shine His Light upon us as an everlasting Light. God's redeeming Light is eternal. See what both the Old and New Testaments have to say. 'Arise, shine, for your Light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Nations shall come to Your Light. The sun shall no more be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you, but the Lord shall be to you an everlasting Light, and your God shall be your glory and your beauty. Your sun shall no more go down, nor shall your moon withdraw itself, for the Lord shall be your everlasting Light' (Isaiah 60:1, 3, 19 & 20). 'The city (the New Jerusalem) has no need of the sun nor of the moon to give light to it, for the glory of the Lord illuminates it, and the Lamb is its Light. The nations shall walk by His Light' (Revelation 21:23 & 24). 'There shall be no more night. They have no need for lamplight or sunlight, for the Lord God will illuminate them and be their Light' (Revelation 22:5).

People who do not walk according to God's commands are said to be rebelling against the Light, that is, the Light of God, not the light of the sun. 'They are of those who rebel against the Light; they do not know His ways, nor stay in His paths' (Job 24:13). 'The eye is the lamp of the body, so if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unsound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the very light in you, your conscience is darkened, how great is that darkness' (Matthew 6:22 & 23). 'Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is sound, your whole body is full of light, but when it is not sound, your body is full of darkness' (Luke 11:34). If we look into the eyes of a young child, all we see is purity, trust, love and joy. The child's eye is sound; their conscience is clear so their light shines. Their eyes are a window to their very being – their soul. A clear conscience shines through our eyes. We are to be the salt of the earth.

If we now look into the eyes of an unsaved person who has a hardened, peppered life, we see that they don't like to look you in the eye; they often speak to you while looking at your collar or the ground. They lie about anything and everything, just for the sake of lying. They don't trust anybody. They have a sinister, dark 'air' about them. They have an unsound, guilty conscience because they have never been forgiven. Great is their darkness, and we can see it in their eyes. They do not have the Light shining in their hearts.

'Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path' (Psalm 119:105). When we walk with the Light of the world, we will never again experience darkness.

Amen and God bless you.

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