Christmas Lights, Part 2

1. The Promise of Light

For in fact, darkness will cover the earth And deep darkness will cover the peoples; But the LORD will rise upon you [Jerusalem] And His glory and brilliance will be seen on you. Nations will come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.

The sun will no longer be your light by day, Nor shall the bright glow of the moon give light to you,

But the LORD will be an everlasting light for you;

And your God will be your glory and splendor.

Your sun will no longer set, Nor will your moon wane; For the LORD will be your everlasting light, And the days of your mourning will be over." Isaiah 60:2-3, 19-20 AMP "Then Jesus said, "I am light to the world and those who embrace me will experience life-giving light, and they will never walk in darkness.""

John 8:12 TPT IF LIGHT IS AVAILABLE, WHY DON'T WE ALL LIVE IN IT?

2. The Fascination With Darkness -WHY DO PEOPLE IN SCARY MOVIES INSIST ON CHECKING OUT THAT DARK BASEMENT WHERE THE WIERD **NOISES ARE COMING FROM?!!** -WHAT PULLS US WITH SUCH POWER TO EXPLORE THE DARKNESS? ""This is the crisis we're in: God-light streamed into the world, but men and women everywhere ran for the darkness. They went for the darkness because they were not really interested in pleasing God. Everyone who makes a practice of doing evil, addicted to denial and illusion, hates God-light and won't come near it, fearing a painful exposure." John 3:19-20 MSG

3. Darkness And Light Are A Choice "Some of us once sat in darkness, living in the dark shadows of death. We were prisoners to our pain, chained to our regrets. For we rebelled against God's word and rejected the wise counsel of God Most High. So He humbled us through our circumstances, watching us as we stumbled, with no one there to pick us back up. Our own pain became our punishment. Then we cried out, "Lord, help us! Rescue us!" And He did! His light broke through the darkness and He led us out in freedom from death's dark shadow and snapped every one of our chains. So lift your hands and give thanks to God for His marvelous kindness and for His miracles of mercy for those He loves! For He smashed through heavy prison doors and shattered the steel bars that held us back, just to set us free!"

Psalms 107:10-16 TPT

"Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God."

2 Corinthians 4:4 NLT

DARKNESS PREVAILS WHERE THERE IS REBELLION, REJECTION, AND UNBELIEF.

4. THE GIFT OF A TRANSFER

"For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins."

Colossians 1:13-14 NLT