

# Shining your Light in the Darkness

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# John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. **The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend/overpower it.**

# Light vs Darkness

- Light
  - OT: *Or* – a light from or – to be or become light
  - NT: *Phōs* from *Phainō* – to bring light, to cause to appear
- Darkness
  - OT: *Choshek* from *Chashak* – to be or grow dark
  - NT: *Skotia* from *Skotos* - darkness

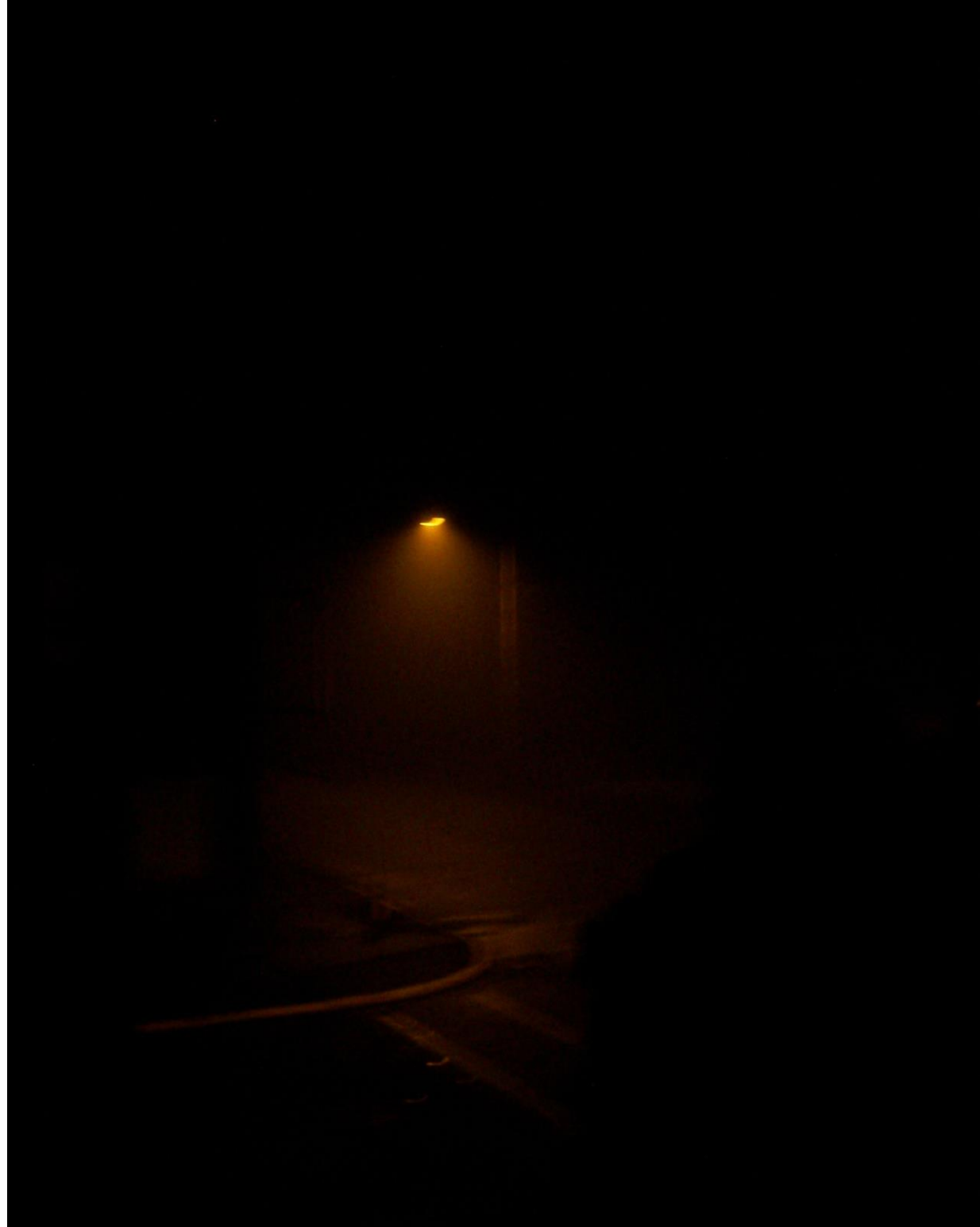
# Light

- Genesis 1: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. And the earth was a formless and desolate emptiness, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light “day,” and the darkness He called “night.” And there was evening and there was morning, one day.
- Psalms 18:28 – For You light my lamp’ The Lord my God illumines my darkness.

# Darkness

- Physical: Darkness is just an absence of light
- Spiritual: Darkness is real
- The people who walk in darkness will see a great light; those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them.

Isaiah 9:2



# Isaiah 60:1-5

- Arise, shine for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. “For behold, darkness will cover the earth and deep darkness the peoples; But the Lord will rise upon you and His glory will appear upon you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes round about and see; They all gather together, they come to you. Your sons will come from afar, and your daughters will be carried in the arms. Then you will see and be radiant, and your heart will thrill and rejoice; Because the abundance of the sea will be turned to you, the wealth of the nations will come to you.”

- Then Jesus again 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
- Now, no one after lighting a lamp covers it over with a container, or puts it under a bed; but he puts it on a lampstand, so that those who come in may see the light. Luke 8:16

# Exodus 10:21-23

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Reach out with your hand toward the sky, so that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even a darkness which may be felt.”

So Moses reached out with his hand toward the sky, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt for three days.

They did not see one another, nor did anyone rise from his place for three days, but all the sons of Israel had light in their dwellings.

# Psalms 139:11,12

- If I say, “Surely the darkness will overwhelm me, and the light around me will be night,” Even the darkness is not dark to You, and the night is as bright as the day. Darkness and light are alike to You.

# Isaiah 5:20

Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil;

Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness;

Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!

# Matthew 6:22

- The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

# Luke 1:78-79 Zacharias's Prophecy

- Because of the tender mercy of our God, With which the Sunrise from on high will visit us, To Shine upon those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace.

# We are really reflectors of Christ's Light

- Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. Daniel 12:3
- Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5:16
- The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear. Matthew 13:41-43

# No need for sun in heaven:

- Revelations 21:23-27 And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illuminated it, and its lamp *is* the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. In the daytime (for there will be no night there) its gates will never be closed; and they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it; and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

# No need for sun in heaven:

- Revelations 22:1-5 And he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the middle of its street. On either side of the river *was* the tree of life, bearing twelve *kinds of* fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations. There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him; they will see His face, and His name *will be* on their foreheads. And there will no longer be *any* night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illuminate them; and they will reign forever and ever.

# No need for sun in heaven

- Isaiah 60:19-20 “No longer will you have the sun for light by day, Nor will the moon give you light for brightness; But you will have the LORD as an everlasting light, and your God as your glory. Your sun will no longer set, nor will your moon wane; For you will have the LORD as an everlasting light, and the days of your mourning will be over.



# So then, how should we live?

- Live in a manner worthy of our calling
  - Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:1-3
- Shine as brightly as you can
- Spend time in God's word and among His people so that He can polish you for maximum reflection
  - Iron sharpens iron so one man sharpens another... Proverbs 27:17

No matter how dim or bright your light is, it will show up in this dark world as a beacon of hope.

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor do *people* light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Your light must shine before people in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 5:14-16

