

LESSON 9

Eternal Light

Revelation 21:22-25; 22:5

I did not see a temple in it, because the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because the glory of God illuminates 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. Its gates will never close by day because it will never be night there, Revelation 21:22-25.

Night will be no more; people will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, because the Lord God will give them light, and they will reign forever and ever, Revelation 22:5.

Class Overview: Heaven is pictured as a city that needs no sun or moon, because the glory of God and the Lamb supply unending light (Revelation 21:23; 22:5). This lesson explores the meaning of that eternal light—God as the source, Christ as the lamp, the end of night, and our present call to live as children of light. In heaven, darkness with all its fears and sins will be banished forever, replaced with the unbroken joy and clarity of God's presence. Until that day, we reflect His light now, walking in holiness and hope as we await the eternal dawn.

Class Objectives:

By the end of this class, you should be able to:

1. Understand that God Himself is the source of light in heaven (Rev. 21:23).
2. Recognize the role of Christ, the Lamb, as the lamp of that eternal city.
3. Explain the significance of “no more night” in Revelation 22:5.
4. Apply the call to live as children of light in the present world (Ephesians 5:8).
5. Find hope in the promise of eternal safety, joy, and clarity in the presence of God.

Introduction:

When I was a boy, our family owned property out of town near the Ouachita River in Arkansas. It was a fun place to fish and swim and gather with friends and family. On summer nights out on the riverbank, the cicadas hummed, and the stars seemed close enough to touch. It was a short walk from the rock bar down a trail through the woods to get back to the truck. But on cloudy nights, the darkness was overwhelming in those thick woods. The dark felt heavy. I would worry about what lurked out where I could not see. When I remembered my parents weren't that far away, fear faded, and I felt safe. My dad would be sure to take care of any threat.

All of us know what it feels like to long for light in the midst of darkness. Darkness can be frightening. It hides dangers and stirs uncertainty. That's why Scripture often uses darkness as a picture of sin, sorrow, and separation from God. On the other hand, light represents God's presence, truth, and salvation.

In the vision John received of heaven, he describes a city that has no need of the sun or the moon. Why? Because "*the glory of God illuminates it, and its lamp is the Lamb*" (Revelation 21:23). In heaven, there will never be another night. The shadows of fear, temptation, and death will be gone forever.

This lesson will help us think about what it means to live in that eternal light. It is more than physical brightness...it is the reality of God's presence, Christ's glory, and a life without darkness of any kind.

God is the Source of Eternal Light

The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because the glory of God illuminates it, and its lamp is the Lamb, Revelation 21:23.

From The Text

When John describes the heavenly city, the very first detail he gives about its light is striking. There will be no sun, no moon, no lamp. Instead, the glory of God Himself will shine and fill every corner. From the first page of Scripture to the last, God reveals Himself as light: pure, holy, and life-giving. In heaven, that reality will be complete. We will live forever in the brightness of His presence, where no shadow can remain.

- No sun. No moon.
- The glory of God is the city's light.

God has always revealed Himself as light

- *Psalm 27:1*: "The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom should I fear?"
- *1 John 1:5*: "God is light, and there is absolutely no darkness in him."
- *Psalm 36:9*: "For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we will see light."

Implications of God's light

- Darkness cannot exist in His presence.
- On earth, we depend on the sun; in heaven, we depend fully on God.
- His light means truth, holiness, and security.
- No confusion, no moral gray areas... everything will be seen clearly.

Application

- Even now, we walk in the light of God through Christ (John 8:12).
- The eternal city will bring this to its fullness... no more shadow, fear, or uncertainty.

The Lamb is the Lamp

...the glory of God illuminates it, and its lamp is the Lamb, Revelation 21:23.

From The Text

In John's vision, the light of heaven is not some vague brightness—it is personal. The Lamb, Jesus Christ, is the lamp through which the glory of God shines. Just as a lamp spreads light into every corner of a room, Christ fills the eternal city with the radiance of God's presence.

Christ is the Light of the World

- *John 8:12*: “I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life.”
- *John 1:4-5*: “In him was life, and that life was the light of men. That light shines in the darkness, and yet the darkness did not overcome it.”
- The light of Christ will never fade, never be blocked, never be overcome.

The Lamb's Role in Heaven

- He is central to heaven's glory because He purchased it with His blood (Revelation 5:9).
- His sacrifice makes it possible for us to dwell in God's light.
- Heaven is not heaven without the Lamb... it is His presence that makes it home.

Application

- The light of heaven is not impersonal brightness... it is Christ Himself.
- Eternity is not simply about “where” we are, but “with whom” we are.
- The One who is our light now will be our lamp forever.

No More Night

Night will be no more; people will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, because the Lord God will give them light, and they will reign forever and ever, Revelation 22:5.

From the Text

Night in Scripture often represents danger, sorrow, or sin. But in the eternal city, night will never fall again. The cycle of day and night that marks our lives here on earth will be over, replaced by the unbroken light of God's presence.

Biblical Themes of Night

- *John 3:19*: “People loved darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil.”
- *Romans 13:12*: “The night is nearly over, and the day is near.”
- Night is linked with sin, fear, confusion, and the absence of God's presence.

The End of Night in Heaven

- No fear of what lurks in the dark.
- No sorrow, grief, or uncertainty.
- No sin or temptation. Darkness has no place there.
- God's glory makes night unnecessary, and His presence makes it impossible.

Application

- Heaven is a place of perfect safety; nothing hidden, nothing threatening.
- Heaven is a place of unending joy; no shadows, no more endings, only light.
- Heaven is a place of rest and freedom. There will be no more watching, no more waiting, only dwelling secure in God's light.

Living in the Light

Night will be no more; people will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, because the Lord God will give them light, and they will reign forever and ever, Revelation 22:5.

From the Text

The eternal light of heaven isn't only a future promise. It is a present calling. Because God is light, and Christ is the lamp, we are already called to live as children of light in this dark world. Our present walk is meant to reflect the eternal reality we will one day enjoy in full.

Called to Walk in the Light

- *John 8:12*: "I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life."
- *Ephesians 5:8*: "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light."
- *1 Thessalonians 5:4-5*: "You are all children of light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or the darkness."

Practical Implications for Now

- We reflect the light of Christ by holy living.
- We resist the darkness of sin by holding to truth.
- We shine God's light into the world by love and good works (Matthew 5:14–16).

Eternal Fulfillment

- One day we will no longer walk *toward* the light... we will live *in* the light.
- The struggle against darkness will be over.

- Our lives will be fully united with the glory of God, forever.

Conclusion

The picture John paints of heaven is breathtaking. No sun, no moon, no night—only the radiant glory of God shining through the Lamb. Darkness, with all its fears and dangers, will be gone forever. What a hope!

We often struggle with the shadows here: confusion, sorrow, sin, and uncertainty. But Revelation reminds us that God Himself is our light. Jesus, the Lamb, is the lamp. And in His presence, nothing unclean or threatening can exist. Eternal light means eternal safety, eternal joy, and eternal clarity.

But this vision also calls us to live differently now. We are already children of light, walking in a dark world (Ephesians 5:8). Our lives must reflect the eternal reality that awaits us. The way we live, the way we speak, the way we love others... it all becomes a testimony of the light of Christ shining through us.

Heaven will be a place of unbroken light, and for those in Christ, that light has already dawned in our hearts. So, we live today with anticipation, and we long for the day when night will be no more, and the Lord Himself will give us light.

For Discussion

1. When you think about darkness, what feelings or experiences come to mind? How does that help us understand why Scripture uses darkness as a picture of sin and fear?

2. Revelation 21:23 says the city has no need of the sun or moon. What does this teach us about the sufficiency of God's glory?

3. Why do you think John describes Jesus as “the lamp” of the city? How does this connect with what He said in John 8:12?

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4. Revelation 22:5 says, “Night will be no more.” What does that mean practically for our understanding of heaven?

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5. How does the promise of eternal light give you comfort when facing the “dark nights” of life right now?

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6. Ephesians 5:8 says, “Walk as children of light.” What are some practical ways we can reflect Christ’s light in our daily lives?

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7. How can remembering the eternal light of heaven change the way we deal with temptation, sorrow, or uncertainty in the present?



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