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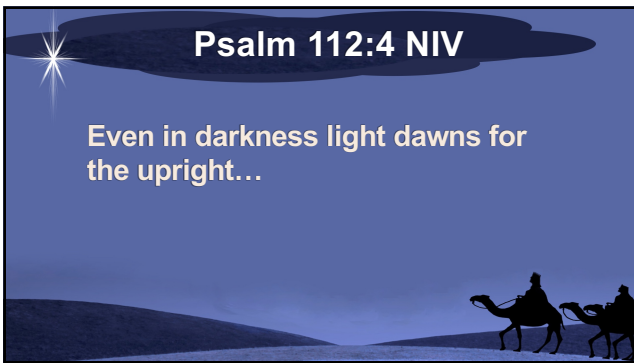
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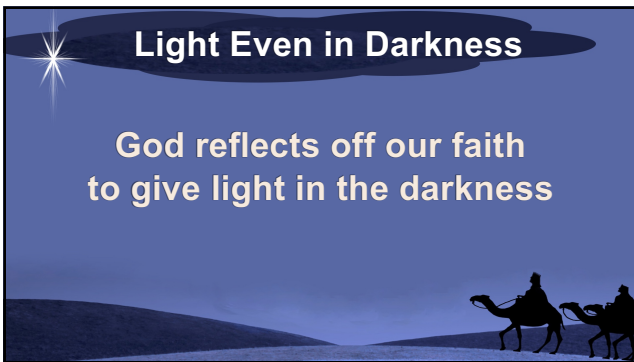
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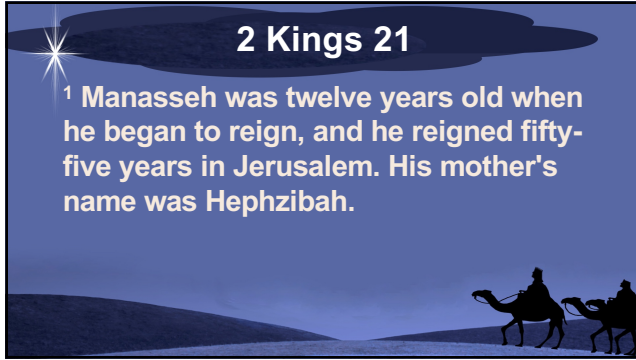
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### 2 Kings 21

<sup>1</sup> Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hephzibah.



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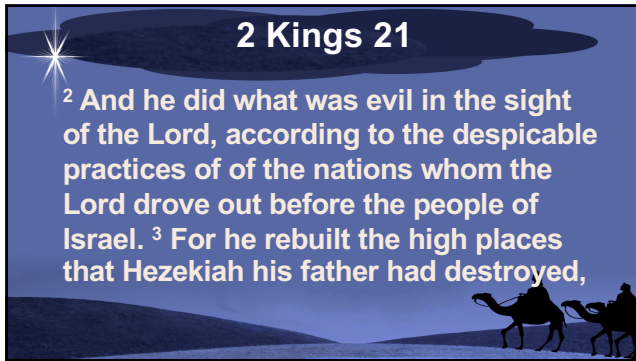
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### 2 Kings 21

<sup>2</sup> And he did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, according to the despicable practices of of the nations whom the Lord drove out before the people of Israel. <sup>3</sup> For he rebuilt the high places that Hezekiah his father had destroyed,



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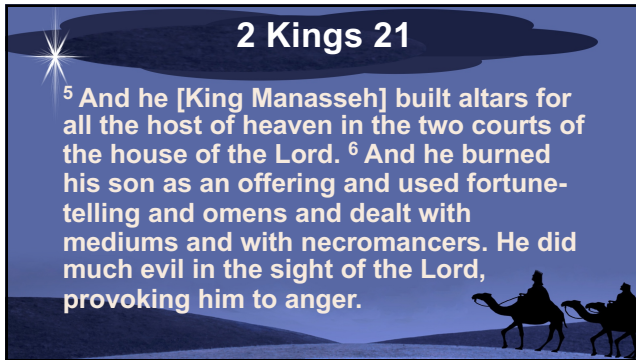
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### 2 Kings 21

<sup>5</sup> And he [King Manasseh] built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the Lord. <sup>6</sup> And he burned his son as an offering and used fortune-telling and omens and dealt with mediums and with necromancers. He did much evil in the sight of the Lord, provoking him to anger.



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### 2 Kings 21

<sup>7</sup> And the carved image of Asherah that he had made he set in the house of which the Lord said to David and to Solomon his son, "In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put my name forever.



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### 2 Kings 21

<sup>16</sup> Moreover, Manasseh shed very much innocent blood, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another, besides the sin that he made Judah to sin so that they did what was evil in the sight of the Lord.



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### Shed Much Innocent Blood

"He [Manasseh] barbarously slew all the righteous men that were among the Hebrews; nor would he spare the prophets, for he every day slew some of them, till Jerusalem was overflown with blood" (Josephus, 'Ant.,' 10:3. 1)



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**Darkness in Israel**

1. Manasseh "One Who Forgets"
2. Idolatry promoted in Kingdom
3. Offered son as a sacrifice to Moloch
4. Shed innocent blood of righteous
5. Longest Reign: 55 years



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**2 Kings 22**

<sup>1</sup> Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jedidah the daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath.



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**2 Kings 22**

<sup>2</sup> And he did what was right in the eyes of the Lord and walked in all the way of David his father, and he did not turn aside to the right or to the left.



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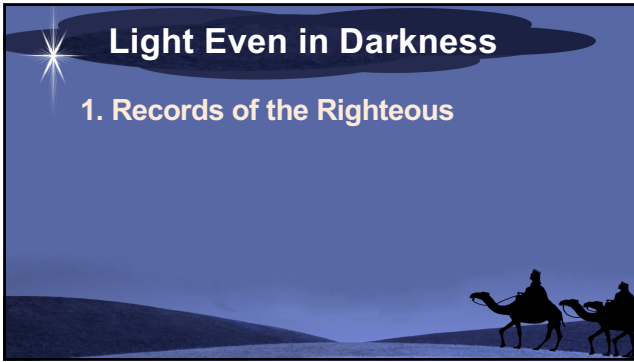
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**Light Even in Darkness**

1. Records of the Righteous

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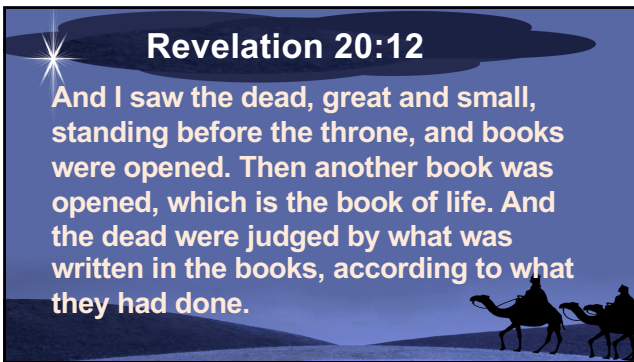
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**Revelation 20:12**

And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.

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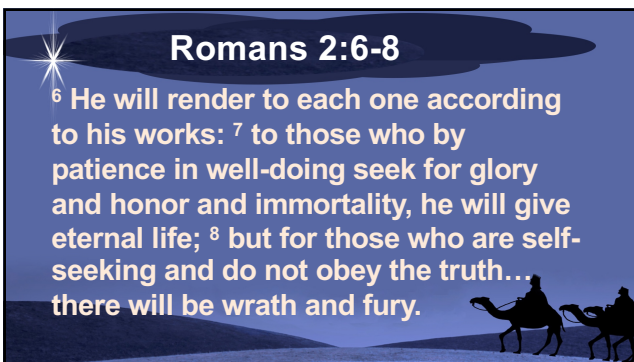
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**Romans 2:6-8**

<sup>6</sup> He will render to each one according to his works: <sup>7</sup> to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; <sup>8</sup> but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth... there will be wrath and fury.

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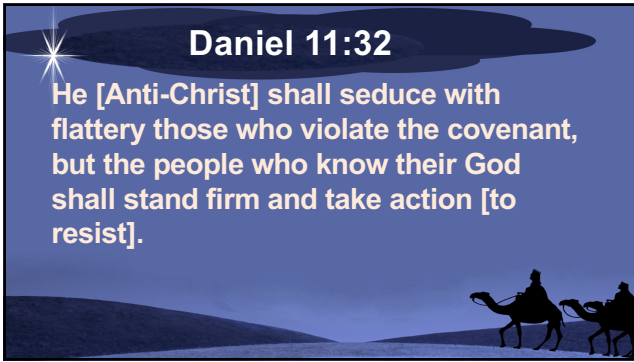
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**Daniel 11:32**

He [Anti-Christ] shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant, but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action [to resist].



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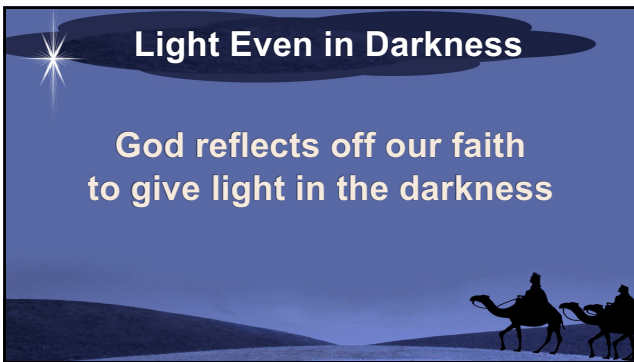
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**Light Even in Darkness**

God reflects off our faith to give light in the darkness



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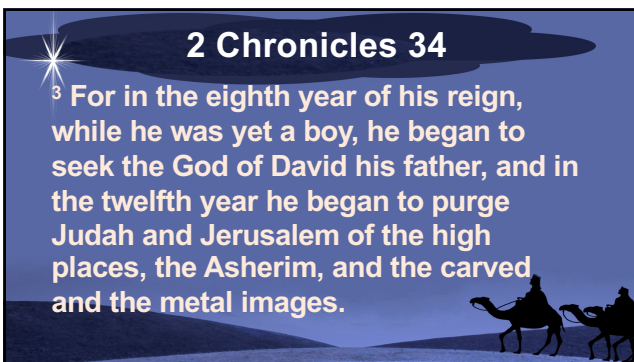
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**2 Chronicles 34**

<sup>3</sup> For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet a boy, he began to seek the God of David his father, and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of the high places, the Asherim, and the carved and the metal images.



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**Light Even in Darkness**

1. Records of the Righteous
2. Seeking God is an ongoing pursuit

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**Seek the Lord**

dârash, daw-rash'; to tread or frequent;  
to follow (for pursuit or search); "to  
beat a path"

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4. Walk in the Word    1. Seek the Lord

**Walk By Faith  
Not By Sight**  
2 Corinthians 5:7

3. Believe the Word    2. Hear the Word

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**Proverbs 25:2**

<sup>2</sup> It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search [seek] things out.



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**Seek the Lord**

Gathering puzzle pieces of the revealed word (truth) over time as we pursue the Lord until you have a clearer view of what God wants us to do.



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**2 Kings 22**

<sup>3</sup> In the eighteenth year of King Josiah, the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, son of Meshullam, the secretary, to the house of the Lord, saying,



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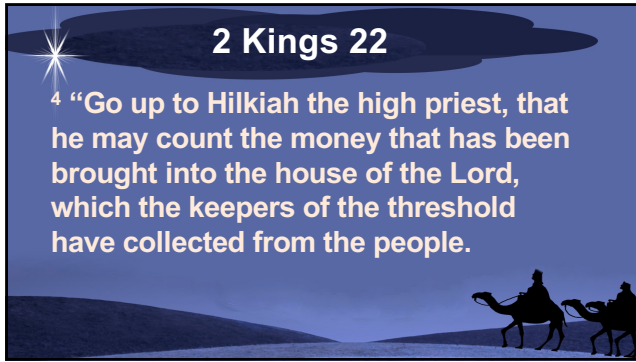
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### 2 Kings 22

<sup>4</sup> “Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may count the money that has been brought into the house of the Lord, which the keepers of the threshold have collected from the people.



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### 2 Kings 22

<sup>5</sup> And let it be given into the hand of the workmen who have the oversight of the house of the Lord, and let them give it to the workmen who are at the house of the Lord, repairing the house



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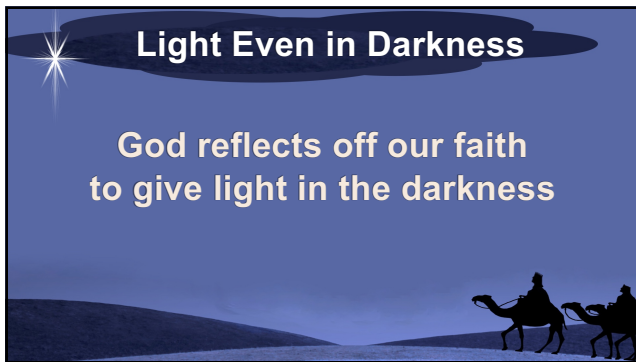
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### Light Even in Darkness

God reflects off our faith to give light in the darkness



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## Light Even in Darkness

1. Records of the Righteous
2. Seeking God is an ongoing pursuit
3. Walk By Faith in the “Don’t Knows”

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## Path to Learning

	Don't Know	Know
Don't Know	1 Ignorance	2 Humility
Know	3 Uncertainty	4 Confidence

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## Hebrews 11

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

<sup>9</sup> By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise.

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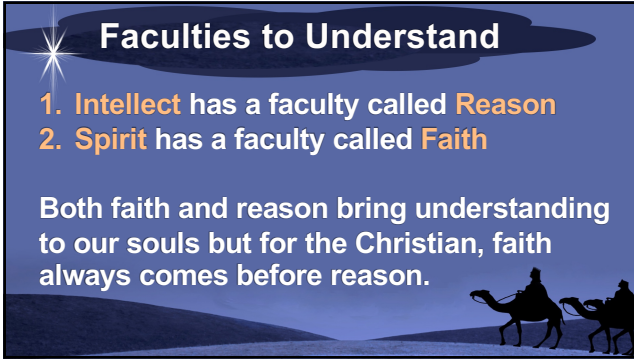
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**Faculties to Understand**

1. **Intellect** has a faculty called **Reason**
2. **Spirit** has a faculty called **Faith**

Both faith and reason bring understanding to our souls but for the Christian, faith always comes before reason.



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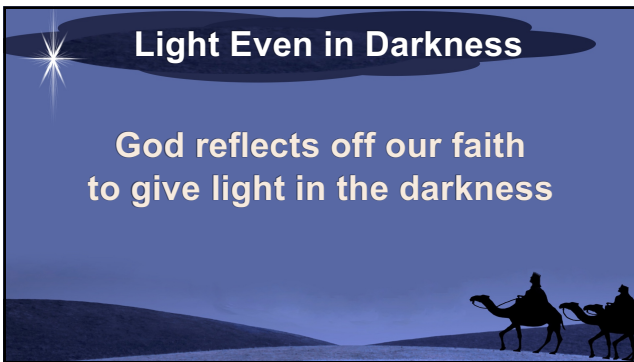
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**Light Even in Darkness**

God reflects off our faith to give light in the darkness



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*Light*  
...even in darkness



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