

The Light of God



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Genesis 1:1-3 (NIV)

¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

²Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep,
and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³And God said, “**Let there be light,**” and there was light.

1) Genesis 1:3 (NIV)

³And God said, “**Let there be light,**” and there was light.

The very first command creation ever received was “**Let there be light,**” and there was light. This tells us how important light is and why we should pursue light passionately.

2) Genesis 1:2 (NIV)

²Now the earth was **formless** and **empty**, **darkness** was over the surface of the deep,
and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

The light of God is the solution for

- i) Formlessness (no structure)
- ii) Emptiness (no substance)
- iii) Darkness (no direction/confusion)

3) 1 John 1:5 (NIV)

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: **God is light**; in him there is no darkness at all.

The light that brings about change and transformation to our formlessness, emptiness and darkness comes from God. Light is the very essence of God.

4) Genesis 1:3 (NIV)

³And God said, “**Let there be light**,” and there was light.

When we purposefully introduce God to our troubled situation, we have purposefully introduced the light! Speaking the word of God into our situation is a purposeful action.

5) John 12:46 (NIV)

⁴⁶**I have come into the world as a light**, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.

The light of God is a weapon against darkness. The devil’s intention is to hold us captive in a state of bondage (bondage of formlessness, bondage of emptiness and bondage of darkness).

6) Matthew 5:14 (NIV)

¹⁴**“You are the light of the world.** A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

Light is our identity (because it is the identity of God and we are His children, created in his image (Genesis 1:27)).

7) Psalm 119:130 (AMPC)

130 The entrance *and* unfolding of Your words give light; their unfolding gives understanding (discernment and comprehension) to the simple.

The enemy is not after our life. He is after the light of God in us. If he can stop us (through many distractions) from pursuing light, he will do so. Think about the many distractions you encounter when you decide to fast, pray or study the word.

Suddenly, your car gets bad; your child becomes sick; you run low on finances and have to work extra hours at work; the worst mistakes happen at your job, etc.

8) Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)

14 “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

The deception of the enemy to us is that when we receive the light of God, we should not display it on the hilltop (for others to see). Rather he wants us to hide it. This attitude is demonstrated when we receive salvation and never share the good news of our salvation with others. We do so under the pretext that “my salvation is personal.” Indeed, salvation is personal, however, salvation is not private. The light of God in us is for the world to see and know. The light of God in us in other words is personal (in terms of acquisition and identity), yet, it is not private.

Do not let the devil deceive you into thinking that any attempt of sharing the word or living for God, is prideful. Rather, to do otherwise (not displaying the light) is disobedience. Disobedience is arrogance and pride before God.

9) Genesis 10:13 (NIV)

¹⁰ Lot looked around and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan toward Zoar was well watered, like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt. (This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.)

The light of God helps us see beyond our current circumstances because we are no longer veiled. However, a veiled person (“Lot” in Hebrew means “veiled”) is limited by how far they can see.

Lot could only see the green pastures to the east. However, he did not see the future destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

10) Genesis 1:3 (NIV)

³ And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

Everyday, we should seek to gain light (the word of God), because it is priority. After creation, God’s priority was to introduce light and He did, by saying “Let there be light”.

Therefore, after every invention, discovery, production, acquisition, etc., our priority should be to introduce the light of God.

11) Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

⁶ Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

We should not be passive about introducing light to a situation. Introducing the light of God to situations, is an active and purposeful response from us to our unique situations. And it comes by speaking...” And God said...”

Although the light of God is available to all, it has to be purposefully introduced. Please, do not assume there is light in a situation until you have purposefully introduced the light of God to it. “Training a child” is one way of purposefully introducing the light of God into a child.

12) Genesis 1:3 (NIV)

³ And God said, “**Let there be light,**” and there was light.

Light is the antidote (puts a stop) to darkness. Darkness did not hesitate when light was introduced.

13) Joel 10c (NIV)

Let the weakling say, “I am strong!”

We introduce darkness into our lives through our words. So too, we can put an end to darkness by speaking.

14) Genesis 1:3 (NIV)

³ And God said, “**Let there be light,**” and there was light.

First impression is the event when one person first encounters another person and forms a mental image of that person. We first encounter God in Genesis; where we also encounter His first words (declarations) – “**Let there be light,**”. **This tells us what God is most passionate about.**

15) Psalm 104:3 (NIV)

² The LORD wraps himself in light as with a garment; he stretches out the heavens like a tent.

Genesis 1:3 (NIV)

³ And God said, “**Let there be light,**”

Our “**clothing**” should match our “**wording**”. God “**wraps himself in light as with a garment**” and He speaks light And God said, “**Let there be light,**”. No contradiction.

Therefore, let you “**clothing**” match your “**wording**”. Amen.