# ~LIGHT (1044)

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- The Hebrew term 'ohr and the Greek term phos refer to that which emanates from a light-giving body such as a lamp.
- And I will destroy out of them the sound of exultation and the sound of rejoicing, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the hand mill and the light of the lamp. (Jeremiah 25:10)
- Or the sun, as well as to the opposite of darkness, literally and figuratively.
- Woe to those who are saying that good is bad and bad is good, those who are putting darkness for light and light for darkness, those who are putting bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! (Isaiah 5:20)
- But if anyone walks in the night, he bumps against something, because the light is not in him. (John 11:10)
- He said these things, and after this he said to them; Lazarus our friend has gone to rest, but I am journeying there to awaken him from sleep. (John 11:11)
- It is generally believed that light consists of energy particles that have wave properties. To this day, however, man still cannot give a complete answer to the question propounded over three millenniums ago by the Creator of light;
- Where, now, is the way by which the light distributes itself, and the east wind scatters about upon the earth? (Job 38:24)
- Light from the sun is a combination of colors, with each color having a different wavelength. The color of an object is determined by the particular portion of the light reflected by its surface.

Thus light furnishes the many hues that delight the eye of man. It is also essential for earthly life plant, animal, and human to continue.

## .. The Source Of Light

- Yehowah God is the Former of light and the Creator of darkness.
- Forming light and creating darkness, making peace and creating calamity, I, Yehowah, am doing all these things. (Isaiah 45:7)
- It was on the first creative day that he said; Let light come to be.
- And God proceeded to say; Let light come to be. Then there came to be light. (Genesis 1:3)
- Earlier he had created the heavens, including the great lights, the sun, moon, and stars, compare;
- To the One making the great lights, for his loving-kindness is to time indefinite. (Psalms 136:7)
- Even the sun for dominion by day, for his loving-kindness is to time indefinite. (Psalms 136:8)
- The moon and the stars for combined dominion by night: for his loving-kindness is to time indefinite. (Psalms 136:9)
- And the earth.
- In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1)
- So the bringing of light into existence with reference to the earth apparently involved gradually removing whatever had formerly obstructed the sun's rays from reaching this planet.
- And the division between light and darkness must have come about through the rotation of the earth as it moved around the sun.
- After that God saw that the light was good, and God brought about a division between the light and the darkness. (Genesis 1:4)

- And God began calling the light Day, but the darkness he called Night. And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, a first day. (Genesis 1:5)
- Much later Yehowah plagued the sun-worshiping Egyptians with darkness, a darkness that did not affect the Israelites.
- Yehowah then said to Moses; Stretch your hand out toward the heavens, that darkness may occur over the land of Egypt and the darkness may be felt. (Exodus 10:21)
- Moses immediately stretched his hand out toward the heavens, and a gloomy darkness began to occur in all the land of Egypt for three days. (Exodus 10:22)
- They did not see one another, and none of them got up from his own place three days, but for all the sons of Israel there proved to be light in their dwellings. (Exodus 10:23)
- In leading his people out of Egypt, he provided light by means of a pillar of fire.
- And Yehowah was going ahead of them in the daytime in a pillar of cloud to lead them by the way, and in the nighttime in a pillar of fire to give them light to go in the daytime and nighttime. (Exodus 13:21)
- Then the angel of the true God who was going ahead of the camp of Israel departed and went to their rear, and the pillar of cloud departed from their van and stood in the rear of them. (Exodus 14:19)
- So it came in between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. On the one hand it proved to be a cloud together with darkness. On the other hand it kept lighting up the night. And this group did not come near that group all night long. (Exodus 14:20)
- And he continued to lead them with a cloud by day and the whole night with a light of fire. (Psalms 78:14)
- The Scriptures repeatedly associate **light** with its Creator. Stated the psalmist;

- Bless Yehowah, O my soul. O Yehowah my God, you have proved very great. With dignity and splendor you have clothed yourself. (Psalms 104:1)
- Enwrapping yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent cloth. (Psalms 104:2)
- This declaration harmonizes well with Ezekiel's description of what he saw in vision. I got to see something like the glow of electrum, like the appearance of fire all around inside thereof, from the appearance of his hips and upward, and from the appearance of his hips and downward I saw something like the appearance of fire, and he had a brightness all around.
- There was something like the appearance of the bow that occurs in a cloud mass on the day of a pouring rain. That is how the appearance was of the brightness round about. It was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of Yehowah.
- And I got to see something like the glow of electrum, like the appearance of fire all around inside thereof, from the appearance of his hips and upward, and from the appearance of his hips and downward I saw something like the appearance of fire, and he had a brightness all around. (Ezekiel 1:27)
- There was something like the appearance of the bow that occurs in a cloud mass on the day of a pouring rain. That is how the appearance was of the brightness round about. It was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of Yehowah. When I got to see it, then I fell upon my face, and I began to hear the voice of one speaking. (Ezekiel 1:28)
- Centuries earlier, just a partial manifestation of that glory caused Moses face to emit rays.
- And it has to occur that while my glory is passing by I must place you in a hole in the rock, and I must put my palm over you as a screen until I have passed by. (Exodus 33:22)
- After that I must take my palm away, and you will indeed see my back. But my face may not be seen. (Exodus 33:23)
- Now it came about when Moses came down from Mount Sinai that the two tablets of the Testimony were in the hand of Moses

when he came down from the mountain, and Moses did not know that the skin of his face emitted rays because of his having spoken with him. (Exodus 34:29)

- When Aaron and all the sons of Israel got to see Moses, why, look! the skin of his face emitted rays and they grew afraid of coming near to him. (Exodus 34:30)
- God is light and there is no darkness at all in union with him.
- And this is the message which we have heard from him and are announcing to you, that God is light and there is no darkness at all in union with him. (1 John 1:5)
- He is righteous, upright, and holy.
- The Rock, perfect is his activity, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness, with whom there is no injustice. Righteous and upright is he. (Deuteronomy 32:4)
- And as for the four living creatures, each one of them respectively has six wings, round about and underneath they are full of eyes. And they have no rest day and night as they say; Holy, holy, holy is Yehowah God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is coming. (Revelation 4:8)
- Having nothing in common with the degrading and unclean practices commonly linked with darkness.
- At daylight the murderer gets up, the proceeds to slay the afflicted and the poor one, and during the night he becomes a regular thief. (Job 24:14)
- As for the eye of the adulterer, it has watched for evening darkness, saying; No eye will behold me! And over his face he puts a covering. (Job 24:15)
- In the darkness he has dug into houses, by day they must keep themselves locked in. They have not known daylight. (Job 24:16)
- Do not become unevenly yoked with unbelievers. For what fellowship do righteousness and lawlessness have? Or what sharing does light have with darkness? (2 Corinthians 6:14)

- For those who sleep are accustomed to sleep at night, and those who get drunk are usually drunk at night. (1 Thessalonians 5:7)
- But as for us who belong to the day, let us keep our senses and have on the breastplate of faith and love and as a helmet the hope of salvation. (1 Thessalonians 5:8)
- Therefore persons who are walking in the darkness by manifesting hatred for their brother and who are not practicing the truth could never be in union with him.
- If we make the statement; We are having a sharing with him, and yet we go on walking in the darkness, we are lying and are not practicing the truth. (1 John 1:6)
- He that says he is in the light and yet hates his brother is in the darkness up to right now. (1 John 2:9)
- He that loves his brother remains in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in his case. (1 John 2:10)
- But he that hates his brother is in the darkness and is walking in the darkness, and he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes. (1 John 2:11)

#### " Yehowah Is The Father Of The Celestial Lights

- Every good gift and every perfect present is from above, for it comes down from the Father of the celestial lights, and with him there is not a variation of the turning of the shadow. (James 1:17)
- Not only is he the Giver of the sun for light by day, the statutes of the moon and the stars for light by night.
- This is what Yehowah, the Giver of the sun for light by day, the statutes of the moon and the stars for light by night, the One stirring up the sea that its waves may become boisterous, the One whose name is Yehowah of armies, has said. (Jeremiah 31:35)
- But he is also the Source of all spiritual enlightenment.

- For God is he who said; Let the light shine out of darkness, and he has shone on our hearts to illuminate them with the glorious knowledge of God by the face of Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:6)
- His law, judicial decisions, and word are a light to those allowing themselves to be guided by them.
- Send out your light and your truth. May these themselves lead me. May they bring me to your holy mountain and to your grand tabernacle. (Psalms 43:3)
- Your word is a lamp to my foot, and a light to my roadway. (Psalms 119:105)
- For the commandment is a lamp, and a light the Law is, and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life. (Proverbs 6:23)
- Pay attention to me, O my people, and you national group of mine, to me give ear. For from me a Law itself will go forth, and my judicial decision I shall cause to repose even as a light to the peoples. (Isaiah 51:4)
- The psalmist declared; By light from you we can see light.
- For with you is the source of life, by light from you we can see light. (Psalms 36:9)
- Yehowah is my light and my salvation. Of whom shall I be in fear? Yehowah is the stronghold of my life. Of whom shall I be in dread? (Psalms 27:1)
- Send out your light and your truth. May these themselves lead me. May they bring me to your holy mountain and to your grand tabernacle. (Psalms 43:3)
- Just as the light of the sun continues to get brighter from dawn until the day is firmly established, so the path of the righteous ones, illuminated by godly wisdom, gets lighter and lighter.
- But the path of the righteous ones is like the bright light that is getting lighter and lighter until the day is firmly established. (Proverbs 4:18)
- To follow the course that Yehowah outlines is to walk in his light.

- And many peoples will certainly go and say; Come, you people, and let us go up to the mountain of Yehowah, to the house of the God of Jacob, and he will instruct us about his ways, and we will walk in his paths. For out of Zion Law will go forth, and the word of Yehowah out of Jerusalem. (Isaiah 2:3)
- And he will certainly render judgment among the nations and set matters straight respecting many peoples. And they will have to beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning shears. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, neither will they learn war anymore. (Isaiah 2:4)
- O men of the house of Jacob, come and let us walk in the light of Yehowah. (Isaiah 2:5)
- On the other hand, when a person looks at things in an impure way or with evil design, he is in great spiritual darkness. As Jesus put it:
- But if your eye is wicked, your whole body will be dark. If in reality the light that is in you is darkness, how great that darkness is! (Matthew 6:23)
- Watch out for yourself for fear a base word should come to be in your heart, saying; The seventh year, the year of the release, has come close, and your eye should indeed become ungenerous toward your poor brother, and you should give him nothing, and he has to call out to Yehowah against you, and it has become a sin on your part. (Deuteronomy 15:9)
- As for the very delicate and dainty man among you, his eye will be evil-inclined toward his brother and his cherished wife and the remainder of his sons whom he has remaining. (Deuteronomy 28:54)
- So as not to give one of them any of the flesh of his sons that he will eat, because he has nothing at all remaining to him because of the tightness and stress with which your enemy will hem you in within all your gates. (Deuteronomy 28:55)
- As for the delicate and dainty woman among you who never attempted to set the sole of her foot upon the earth for being of dainty habit and for delicateness, her eye will be evil-inclined

toward her cherished husband and her son and her daughter. (Deuteronomy 28:56)

- Even toward her afterbirth that comes out from between her legs and toward her sons whom she proceeded to bear, because she will eat them in secrecy for the want of everything because of the tightness and stress with which your enemy will hem you in within your gates. (Deuteronomy 28:57)
- A man of envious eye is bestirring himself after valuable things, but he does not know that want itself will come upon him. (Proverbs 28:22)
- They have eyes full of adultery and unable to desist from sin, and they entice unsteady souls. They have a heart trained in covetousness. They are accursed children. (2 Peter 2:14)

### " Light And The Son Of God

- Since his resurrection and ascension to heaven, Christ Jesus, the King of those who rule as kings and Lord of those who rule as lords; dwells in unapproachable light. That light is so glorious that it makes it impossible for weak human eyes to behold him.
- This manifestation the happy and only Potentate will show in its own appointed times, he the King of those who rule as kings and Lord of those who rule as lords. (1 Timothy 6:15)
- The one alone having immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom not one of men has seen or can see. To him be honor and might everlasting. Amen. (1 Timothy 6:16)
- In fact, one man, Saul, Paul of Tarsus, was blinded by the light from heaven seen by him at the time the glorified Son of God revealed himself to this persecutor of Jesus followers.
- Now as he was traveling he approached Damascus, when suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. (Acts of Apostles 9:3)
- And he fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him; Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? (Acts of Apostles 9:4)
- He said; Who are you, Lord? He said; I am Jesus, whom you are

- persecuting. (Acts of Apostles 9:5)
- Nevertheless, rise and enter into the city, and what you must do will be told you. (Acts of Apostles 9:6)
- Now the men that were journeying with him were standing speechless, hearing, indeed, the sound of a voice, but not beholding any man. (Acts of Apostles 9:7)
- But Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were opened he was seeing nothing. So they led him by the hand and conducted him into Damascus. (Acts of Apostles 9:8)
- But as I was journeying and drawing close to Damascus, about midday, suddenly out of heaven a great light flashed all around me. (Acts of Apostles 22:6)
- And I fell to the ground and heard a voice say to me; Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? (Acts of Apostles 22:7)
- I answered, Who are you, Lord? And he said to me, I am Jesus the Nazarene, whom you are persecuting. (Acts of Apostles 22:8)
- Now the men that were with me beheld, indeed, the light but did not hear the voice of the one speaking to me. (Acts of Apostles 22:9)
- At that I said; What shall I do, Lord? The Lord said to me; Rise, go your way into Damascus, and there you will be told about everything it is appointed for you to do. (Acts of Apostles 22:10)
- But as I could not see anything for the glory of that light, I arrived in Damascus, being led by the hand of those who were with me. (Acts of Apostles 22:11)
- During his earthly ministry Jesus Christ was a light, furnishing spiritual enlightenment concerning God's purposes and will for those who would gain divine favor.
- As long as I am in the world, I am the world's light. (John 9:5)
- I myself, Yehowah, have called you in righteousness, and I proceeded to take hold of your hand. And I shall safeguard you and give you as a covenant of the people, as a light of the

# nations. (Isaiah 42:6)

- For you to open the blind eyes, to bring forth out of the dungeon the prisoner, out of the house of detention those sitting in darkness. (Isaiah 42:7)
- The spirit of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah is upon me, for the reason that Yehowah has anointed me to tell Good News to the meek ones. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to those taken captive and the wide opening of the eyes even to the prisoners. (Isaiah 61:1)
- To proclaim the year of goodwill on the part of Yehowah and the day of vengeance on the part of our God, to comfort all the mourning ones. (Isaiah 61:2)
- Yehowah's spirit is upon me, because he anointed me to declare Good News to the poor, he sent me forth to preach a release to the captives and a recovery of sight to the blind, to send the crushed ones away with a release. (Luke 4:18)
- To preach Yehowah's acceptable year. (Luke 4:19)
- With that he rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue were intently fixed upon him. (Luke 4:20)
- Then he started to say to them; Today this scripture that you just heard is fulfilled. (Luke 4:21)
- Initially, only the lost sheep of the house of Israel received benefit from that great light.
- However, the obscureness will not be as when the land had stress, as at the former time when one treated with contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali and when at the later time one caused it to be honored, the way by the sea, in the region of the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. (Isaiah 9:1)
- The people that were walking in the darkness have seen a great light. As for those dwelling in the land of deep shadow, light itself has shone upon them. (Isaiah 9:2)
- Further, after leaving Nazareth, he came and took up residence

- in Capernaum beside the sea in the districts of Zebulun and Naphtali. (Matthew 4:13)
- That there might be fulfilled what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying; (Matthew 4:14)
- O land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, along the road of the sea, on the other side of the Jordan, Galilee of the nations! (Matthew 4:15)
- The people sitting in darkness saw a great light, and as for those sitting in a region of deathly shadow, light rose upon them.

  (Matthew 4:16)
- In answer he said; I was not sent forth to any but to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. (Matthew 15:24)
- But spiritual enlightenment was not to be limited just to the natural Jews and proselytes.
- By means of him was life, and the life was the light of men. (John 1:4)
- And the light is shining in the darkness, but the darkness has not overpowered it. (John 1:5)
- There arose a man that was sent forth as a representative of God, his name was John. (John 1:6)
- This man came for a witness, in order to bear witness about the light, that people of all sorts might believe through him. (John 1:7)
- He was not that light, but he was meant to bear witness about that light. (John 1:8)
- The true light that gives light to every sort of man was about to come into the world. (John 1:9)
- And so, talking with boldness, Paul and Barnabas said; It was necessary for the word of God to be spoken first to you. Since you are thrusting it away from you and do not judge yourselves worthy of everlasting life, look! We turn to the nations. (Acts of Apostles 13:46)

- In fact, Yehowah has laid commandment upon us in these words, I have appointed you as a light of nations, for you to be a salvation to the extremity of the earth. (Acts of Apostles 13:47)
- When the infant Jesus was presented at the temple, aged Simeon referred to him as,
- A light for removing the veil from the nations and a glory of your people Israel. (Luke 2:32)
- As Paul explained to the Ephesians, uncircumcised non-Jews had been in the dark respecting God and his purposes.
- Therefore keep bearing in mind that formerly you were people of the nations as to flesh, uncircumcision you were called by that which is called circumcision, made in the flesh with hands. (Ephesians 2:11)
- That you were at that particular time without Christ, alienated from the state of Israel and strangers to the covenants of the promise, and you had no hope and were without God in the world. (Ephesians 2:12)
- However, when the Good News about the Christ was brought to the non-Jews, those who responded favorably were called out of darkness into God's wonderful light.
- But you are, a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for special possession, that you should declare abroad the excellencies, of the one that called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Peter 2:9)
- But others continued to allow the one who transforms himself into an angel of light or enlightenment
- And no wonder, for Satan himself keeps transforming himself into an angel of light. (2 Corinthians 11:14)
- The god of this system of things, to blind them so that the illumination of the Good News about the Christ might not shine through.
- Among whom the god of this system of things has blinded the

minds of the unbelievers, that the illumination of the glorious Good News about the Christ, who is the image of God, might not shine through. (2 Corinthians 4:4)

- They preferred darkness, for they wanted to continue in their selfish course.
- Now this is the basis for judgment, that the light has come into the world but men have loved the darkness rather than the light, for their works were wicked. (John 3:19)
- For he that practices vile things hates the light and does not come to the light, in order, that his works may not be reproved. (John 3:20)

### · · Followers Of Christ Become Lights

- Those who exercised faith in Christ Jesus as the light of the world and became his followers themselves came to be sons of light.
- But he that does what is true comes to the light, in order, that his works may be made manifest as having been worked in harmony with God. (John 3:21)
- Therefore Jesus spoke again to them, saying; I am the light of the world. He that follows me will by no means walk in darkness, but will possess the light of life. (John 8:12)
- Jesus therefore said to them; The light will be among you a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, so that darkness does not overpower you, and he that walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. (John 12:35)
- While you have the light, exercise faith in the light, in order to become sons of light. Jesus spoke these things and went off and hid from them. (John 12:36)
- I have come as a light into the world, in order, that everyone putting faith in me may not remain in the darkness. (John 12:46)
- They made known to others the requirements for gaining God's favor and life, doing so, in the light, that is, openly.
- What I tell you in the darkness, say in the light, and what you

hear whispered, preach from the housetops. (Matthew 10:27)

- Similarly, John the Baptizer had served as a light when preaching baptism in symbol of repentance and pointing forward to Messiah's coming.
- So he came into all the country around the Jordan, preaching baptism in symbol of repentance for forgiveness of sins. (Luke 3:3)
- Now as the people were in expectation and all were reasoning in their hearts about John; May he perhaps be the Christ? (Luke 3:15)
- John gave the answer, saying to all; I, for my part, baptize you with water, but the one stronger than I am is coming, the lace of whose sandals I am not fit to untie. He will baptize you people with Holy Spirit and fire. (Luke 3:16)
- His winnowing shovel is in his hand to clean up his threshing floor completely and to gather the wheat into his storehouse, but the chaff he will burn up with fire that cannot be put out. (Luke 3:17)
- That man was a burning and shining lamp, and you for a short time were willing to rejoice greatly in his light. (John 5:35)
- · Also, by their fine works, by word and example, followers of Christ let their light shine.
- You are the light of the world. A city cannot be hid when situated upon a mountain. (Matthew 5:14)
- Likewise let your light shine before men, that they may see your fine works and give glory to your Father who is in the heavens. (Matthew 5:16)
- If, now, you are a Jew in name and are resting upon Law and taking pride in God. (Romans 2:17)
- And you know his will and approve of things that are excellent because you are orally instructed out of the Law. (Romans 2:18)
- And you are persuaded that you are a guide of the blind, a light

for those in darkness. (Romans 2:19)

- A corrector of the unreasonable ones, a teacher of babes, and having the framework of the knowledge and of the truth in the Law. (Romans 2:20)
- Do you, however, the one teaching someone else, not teach yourself? You, the one preaching, Do not steal! Do you steal? (Romans 2:21)
- You, the one saying; Do not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You, the one expressing abhorrence of the idols, do you rob temples? (Romans 2:22)
- You, who take pride in Law, do you by your transgressing of the Law dishonor God? (Romans 2:23)
- For the name of God is being blasphemed on account of you people among the nations, just as it is written. (Romans 2:24)
- The fruitage of the **light** consists of every sort of goodness and righteousness and truth. It therefore exposes the baseness of the shameful works belonging to darkness, fornication, uncleanness of every kind, greediness, and the like, practiced by the sons of disobedience.
- As a result these shameful works are seen in their true light and, in the sense of being manifested as things condemned by God, become light themselves.
- Let fornication and uncleanness of every sort or greediness not even be mentioned among you, just as it befits holy people. (Ephesians 5:3)
- Neither shameful conduct nor foolish talking nor obscene jesting, things which are not becoming, but rather the giving of thanks. (Ephesians 5:4)
- For you know this, recognizing it for yourselves, that no fornicator or unclean person or greedy person, which means being an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of the Christ and of God. (Ephesians 5:5)
- Let no man deceive you with empty words, for because of the

- aforesaid things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. (Ephesians 5:6)
- Therefore do not become partakers with them. (Ephesians 5:7)
- For you were once darkness, but you are now light in connection with the Lord. Go on walking as children of light. (Ephesians 5:8)
- For the fruitage of the **light** consists of every sort of goodness and righteousness and truth. (Ephesians 5:9)
- Keep on making sure of what is acceptable to the Lord.(Ephesians 5:10)
- And quit sharing with them in the unfruitful works that belong to the darkness, but, rather, even be reproving them. (Ephesians 5:11)
- For the things that take place in secret by them it is shameful even to relate. (Ephesians 5:12)
- Now all the things that are being reproved are made manifest by the light, for everything that is being made manifest is light. (Ephesians 5:13)
- Wherefore he says; Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and the Christ will shine upon you. (Ephesians 5:14)
- So keep strict watch that how you walk is not as unwise but as wise persons. (Ephesians 5:15)
- Buying out the opportune time for yourselves, because the days are wicked. (Ephesians 5:16)
- On this account cease becoming unreasonable, but go on perceiving what the will of Yehowah is. (Ephesians 5:17)
- Also, do not be getting drunk with wine, in which there is debauchery, but keep getting filled with spirit. (Ephesians 5:18)
- But you, brothers, you are not in darkness, so that that day should overtake you as it would thieves. (1 Thessalonians 5:4)
- For you are all sons of light and sons of day. We belong neither

to night nor to darkness. (1 Thessalonians 5:5)

- So, then, let us not sleep on as the rest do, but let us stay awake and keep our senses. (1 Thessalonians 5:6)
- For those who sleep are accustomed to sleep at night, and those who get drunk are usually drunk at night. (1 Thessalonians 5:7)
- But as for us who belong to the day, let us keep our senses and have on the breastplate of faith and love and as a helmet the hope of salvation. (1 Thessalonians 5:8)
- Because God assigned us, not to wrath, but to the acquiring of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thessalonians 5:9)
- Equipped with weapons of the light, the spiritual armor from God, Christians wage warfare against the governments, against the authorities, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the wicked spirit forces in the heavenly places and are enabled thereby to stand firm as approved servants of God.
- The night is well along, the day has drawn near. Let us therefore put off the works belonging to darkness and let us put on the weapons of the light. (Romans 13:12)
- As in the daytime let us walk decently, not in revelries and drunken bouts, not in illicit intercourse and loose conduct, not in strife and jealousy. (Romans 13:13)
- But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not be planning ahead for the desires of the flesh. (Romans 13:14)
- Put on the complete suit of armor from God that you may be able to stand firm against the machinations of the Devil. (Ephesians 6:11)
- Because we have a wrestling, not against blood and flesh, but against the governments, against the authorities, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the wicked spirit forces in the heavenly places. (Ephesians 6:12)
- On this account take up the complete suit of armor from God, that you may be able to resist in the wicked day and, after you have done all things thoroughly, to stand firm. (Ephesians 6:13)

- Stand firm, therefore, with your loins girded about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness. (Ephesians 6:14)
- And with your feet shod with the equipment of the Good News of peace. (Ephesians 6:15)
- Above all things, take up the large shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the wicked ones burning missiles. (Ephesians 6:16)
- Also, accept the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, that is, God's word. (Ephesians 6:17)
- While with every form of prayer and supplication you carry on prayer on every occasion in spirit. And to that end keep awake with all constancy and with supplication in behalf of all the holy ones. (Ephesians 6:18)

#### · Other Figurative Uses

- The Scriptures contain many figurative references to light. Ability to see is meant by the words, the light of my own eyes.
- My own heart has palpitated heavily, my power has left me, and the light of my own eyes also is not with me. (Psalms 38:10)
- For God to give light to someone means that he gives them life or allows them to continue living.
- Why does he give light to one having trouble, and life to those bitter of soul? (Job 3:20)
- Why does he give light to able-bodied man, whose way has been concealed, and whom God hedges in? (Job 3:23)
- For you have delivered my soul from death. Have you not delivered my feet from stumbling? That I may walk about before God in the light of those alive. (Psalms 56:13)
- Children that have seen no light are those who are born dead.
- Or, like a hidden miscarriage, I should not come to be, like children that have seen no light. (Job 3:16)

- His soul finally comes only as far as the generation of his forefathers. Nevermore will they see the light. (Psalms 49:19)
- It is good for the eyes to see the sun may be understood to mean it is good to be alive.
- The light is also sweet, and it is good for the eyes to see the sun. (Ecclesiastes 11:7)
- Morning light is picturesquely described as taking hold of the ends of the earth and shaking the wicked out of it, because dawn disperses evildoers.
- Darkness is their light, for they are accustomed to carrying out their evil deeds under its cover, and this figurative light is taken from them by the literal light of dawn.
- Was it from your days onward that you commanded the morning? Did you cause the dawn to know its place. (Job 38:12)
- To take hold on the extremities of the earth, that the wicked ones might be shaken out from it? (Job 38:13)
- It transforms itself like clay under a seal, and things take their station as in clothing. (Job 38:14)
- And from the wicked ones their light is held back, and the high arm itself gets broken. (Job 38:15)
- As for the eye of the adulterer, it has watched for evening darkness, saying; No eye will behold me! And over his face he puts a covering. (Job 24:15)
- In the darkness he has dug into houses, by day they must keep themselves locked in. They have not known daylight. (Job 24:16)
- For morning is the same as deep shadow for them, for they recognize what the sudden terrors of deep shadow are. (Job 24:17)
- As the light of the sun is clearly observable, thus Yehowah's adverse judgments are obvious. This is alluded to at;

- That is why I shall have to hew them by the prophets. I shall have to kill them by the sayings of my mouth. And the judgments upon you will be as the light that goes forth. (Hosea 6:5)
- The light of God's face means divine favor.
- For it was not by their own sword that they took possession of the land, and their own arm was not what brought them salvation. For it was your right hand and your arm and the light of your face, because you took pleasure in them. (Psalms 44:3)
- Happy are the people knowing the joyful shouting. O Yehowah, in the light of your face they keep walking. (Psalms 89:15)
- Lift up the light of your face upon us is an expression meaning, show us favor.
- There are many saying; Who will show us good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O Yehowah. (Psalms 4:6)
- Similarly, the favor of a ruler is referred to as the light of the king's face.
- In the light of the king's face there is life, and his goodwill is like the cloud of spring rain. (Proverbs 16:15)
- Light may denote brightness or cheerfulness, the opposite of gloom.
- Although for good I waited, yet bad came, and I kept awaiting the light, but gloom came. (Job 30:26)
- This may explain the words of;
- I would smile at them, they would not believe it, and the light of my face they would not cast down. (Job 29:24)
- The light of my face they would not cast down. Although others were gloomy and dejected, this did not cause Job to become of like disposition.

- A bright prospect, such as salvation or deliverance, is at times referred to under the figure of light.
- For the Jews there occurred light and rejoicing and exultation and honor. (Esther 8:16)
- Light itself has flashed up for the righteous one, and rejoicing even for the ones upright in heart. (Psalms 97:11)
- And the light of the full moon must become as the light of the glowing sun, and the very light of the glowing sun will become seven times as much, like the light of seven days, in the day that Yehowah binds up the breakdown of his people and heals even the severe wound resulting from the stroke by him. (Isaiah 30:26)
- Do not rejoice over me, O you woman enemy of mine. Although I have fallen, I shall certainly rise up, although I dwell in the darkness, Yehowah will be a light to me. (Micah 7:8)
- The raging of Yehowah I shall bear, for I have sinned against him, until he conducts my legal case and actually executes justice for me. He will bring me forth to the light, I shall look upon his righteousness. (Micah 7:9)
- Yehowah's causing his glory to shine forth upon Zion pointed forward to her deliverance from a captive state. As a result Zion was to become a source of enlightenment to the nations.
- Arise, O woman, shed forth light, for your light has come and upon you the very glory of Yehowah has shone forth. (Isaiah 60:1)
- For, look! Darkness itself will cover the earth, and thick gloom the national groups, but upon you Yehowah will shine forth, and upon you his own glory will be seen. (Isaiah 60:2)
- And nations will certainly go to your light, and kings to the brightness of your shining forth. (Isaiah 60:3)
- For you the sun will no more prove to be a light by day, and for brightness the moon itself will no more give you light. And Yehowah must become to you an indefinitely lasting light, and your God your beauty. (Isaiah 60:19)

- No more will your sun set, nor will your moon go on the wane, for Yehowah himself will become for you an indefinitely lasting light, and the days of your mourning will have come to completion. (Isaiah 60:20)
- And the nations will walk by means of its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. (Revelation 21:24)
- Also, night will be no more, and they have no need of lamplight nor do they have sunlight, because Yehowah God will shed light upon them, and they will rule as kings forever and ever. (Revelation 22:5)
- On the other hand, for the sun, moon, and stars not to give their light would signify calamity.
- For the very stars of the heavens and their constellations of Kesil will not flash forth their light, the sun will actually grow dark at its going forth, and the moon itself will not cause its light to shine. (Isaiah 13:10)
- And I shall certainly bring home its own badness upon the productive land, and their own error upon the wicked themselves. And I shall actually cause the pride of the presumptuous ones to cease, and the haughtiness of the tyrants I shall abase. (Isaiah 13:11)
- I saw the land, and, look! It was empty and waste, and into the heavens, and their light was no more. (Jeremiah 4:23)
- And when you get extinguished I will cover the heavens and darken their stars. As for the sun, with clouds I shall cover it, and the moon itself will not let its light shine. (Ezekiel 32:7)
- All the luminaries of light in the heavens, I shall darken them on your account, and I will put darkness upon your land, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. (Ezekiel 32:8)
- Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. (Matthew 24:29)