

Sermon Outlines  
What Does Light Signify In The Scriptures?

**Introduction**

Review:

- a) Last subject under consideration was Christ and His consistency as the Light.
- b) This paper is concerned with that which light signifies in the scriptures.

As in life, the use of any word depends on the context and the same with the word "light". The following are the ways I am aware of and they are simply spring boards for the individual to expand relative to the Lord. For instance, light indicates divine guidance so Christ spoke of Himself as the Shepherd whom the sheep follow. Paul wrote, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ" (1 Cor. 11:1).

1) God's guidance

- a) "And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night" (Ex. 13:21).
- b) "But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day" (Prov. 4:18).
  - i) Socially
  - ii) Spiritually

2) Hope

- a) "But Abishai the son of Zeruah succoured him, and smote the Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of David swore unto him, saying, Thou shalt go no more out with us to battle, that thou quench not the light of Israel" (2 Sam. 21:17).
- b) "Yet the LORD would not destroy Judah for David his servant's sake, as he promised him to give him always a light, and to his children" (2 Kgs. 8:19).

3) Joy

- a) "The Jews had light, and gladness, and joy, and honour" (Est. 8:16).

4) Righteousness

- a) "And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday" (Psa. 37:6)

5) Success in divine purposes

- a) "For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them" (Psa. 44:3).

6) Perfection of government

- a) "And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever" (Rev. 22:5).
- b) "And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne" (Rev. 4:5).
- c) "The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God. And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain" (2 Sam. 23:3, 4).

7) Perfection of moral excellency,

- a) "This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all" (1 Jn. 1:5).

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- 8) Perfection of illumination
  - a) “For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ” (2 Cor. 4:6).
  - b) “And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof” (Rev. 21:23).
  - c) “Everyone that doeth evil hateth the light. . . but he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God” (Jn. 3:20-21).
- 9) Perfection of unchanging undistorting excellence
  - a) “Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal” (Rev. 21:11).
- 10) Impartiality,
  - a) “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning” (Jam. 1:17).
- 11) The favor of God
  - a) “There be many that say, Who will shew us any good? LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us” (Psa. 4:6).

**Light Is The Opposite Of Darkness**

- 1) The cessation of fellowship
  - a) “They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings” (Ex. 10:23).
- 2) Ignorance and judgment
  - a) “They are of those that rebel against the light; they know not the ways thereof, nor abide in the paths thereof” (Job 24:13).

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**May God grant us good understanding as He, by His Holy Spirit, deigns to guide us into all truth.  
John 16:13**

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