

God's words are like Light

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Psalms 119:130, “The entrance of **thy words giveth light**; it giveth **understanding** unto the simple.”

Hosea 6:5, “Therefore have I hewed them by the prophets; I have slain them by the **words** of my mouth: and **thy judgments are as the light** that goeth forth.”

Psalms 119:105, “NUN. **Thy word is a lamp** unto my feet, and **a light** unto my path.”

Isaiah 8:20, “To the law and to the testimony: if they speak **not** according to **this word**, it is **because there is no light** in them.”

2 Peter 1:19, “We have also **a more sure word of prophecy**; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, **as** unto **a light that shineth** in a dark place, **until** the **day dawn**, and **the day star** arise in your hearts:”

God's words give light so light is given as a similitude to understanding the words of God. The similitudes in the Bible show up with the words “like” and “as” which are comparative words that show a thing to be as or like something else. In the case of the Bible it is usually a physical thing descriptive of a spiritual thing. However because the physical is NOT the spiritual this likeness is never 100% the same else there would be no difference between them and the comparative likeness would become void because it would not be comparing things but equating things. Things that are not the same are not equal; however they can be similar. Light in this case is likened to understanding the words and in the case of opening up of the understanding from the darkness of not understanding or not knowing at all.

In Isaiah this is seen by the statement “...because there is no light in them...” and this is why they “...speak NOT according to this word...” They have no understanding of this word to be able to speak according to it; so how can they? They can't!

Solomon asked for understanding: 1 Kings 3:9-12, “Give therefore thy servant **an understanding heart** to judge thy people, **that I may discern between good and bad**: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people? And **the speech pleased the Lord**, that

Solomon had asked this thing. And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; **but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment**; Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, **I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart**; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.”

So this understanding heart of Solomon did not keep him from seeking the wrong things and multiplying wives to himself. These wives led him away to idolatry and wickedness; how is this wise of understanding? Solomon was void of understanding when it came to abusing this blessing and disobeying God’s instructions. This shows that even the wisest of men are not unscathed by sin. Solomon was given understanding and a similitude is used in this descriptive of how much understanding he had: 1 Kings 4:29, “And God gave Solomon **wisdom and understanding** exceeding much, and **largeness of heart**, even **as the sand** that is on the sea shore.” So how much understanding is shows “...even as the sand that is on the sea shore.” So is his understanding THE sand? Or it is like numbering the sand? You cannot make it the same or you do an injustice to the words of God. This is how similitudes, parables and allegories work. Hosea 12:10, “I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have **multiplied visions**, and **used similitudes**, by **the ministry** of the prophets.”

Job said of understanding in Job 12:12-13, “With **the ancient is wisdom**; and in **length of days understanding**. With him is **wisdom** and **strength**, he hath **counsel** and **understanding**.” The ancient one is God almighty Daniel 7:9, 13 &22.

God gives wisdom and understanding and knowledge: these things are so very important and vital in the Christians life. It is with the understanding of knowledge that imparts wisdom as wisdom is the application of the understanding of knowledge; but if the knowledge is incorrect then this will likewise cause an incorrect understanding and tainted wisdom. The connection with God must remain open and in communion for us to gain from the Lord that understanding that God wants to impart to us. It is the spiritual side of us that God is connected to us from our spirit. Even Job knew this: Job 32:8, “But **there is a spirit in man**: and the **inspiration** of the Almighty giveth them **understanding**.” But God had to show up in the whirl wind for Job to get understanding. This is not true of those of us who have been born again because God gave us his nature in our spirits. 2 Peter 1:4, “Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.” What an “...exceeding great and precious promise...” that is.

The Lord God Almighty began a work in us by the fear of the Lord: Proverbs 16:6, “By **mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.**” Because the fear of the Lord is the BEGINNING of wisdom; it is not a continual relationship with the Lord although a good fear will keep you out of trouble: Psalms 111:10, “**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding** have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.”

A good fear of the Lord is to be cultivated to keep you right. But our relationship with the Lord is not a terror or a terrifying fear of doom in going to hell fire; it is a fear of what we could reap HERE and NOW from sowing to the flesh. The hereafter has been fixed for the born again Christian because our sin has already been judged and at the judgment seat of Christ we will be judged as sons of God and servants of the Lord not for sin or sins. Yes for right and wrong but for the saint our wrong is not like the sins of the sinner that condemns them to hell fire.

The light that shines through the darkness is an analogy for the understanding to be awakened to the truth when all that was understood before was a darkness of the illusion and lies of the devil. When this happens all the teachers that I had before this happened were left in darkness and have no understanding. Psalms 119:99, “**I have more understanding than all my teachers:** for thy testimonies are my meditation.” The Lord gives that light in the understanding by His words. Psalms 119:144, “The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: **give me understanding,** and I shall live.” They are bright and glistening like truth the light dispels the darkness and all things are clearly seen and understood. This happens because it is according to the words of God: Psalms 119:169, “TAU. Let my cry come near before thee, O LORD: **give me understanding according to thy word.**” It is the Lord that gives that wisdom and knowledge and understanding that is so desperately needed by the lost: Proverbs 2:6, “For **the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.**” Then you get what you have been looking for all your life true and real happiness: Proverbs 3:13, “**Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.**”

It is imperative that you get wisdom and understanding: Proverbs 4:5, “**Get wisdom, get understanding:** forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.” Because wisdom is the principal thing and second to this is understanding: Proverbs 4:7, “**Wisdom is the principal thing;** therefore **get wisdom:** and with all thy getting **get understanding.**” They come by the words of God but if you have them and don’t believe them it does no good for you. You MUST believe the words God gave you: Proverbs 9:10, “The fear of the **LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.**”

Job 38:19-20, “**Where is the way where light dwelleth?** and as for darkness, where is the place thereof, That thou shouldest **take it to the bound thereof**, and that **thou shouldest know the paths to the house thereof?**” with Job 38:24, “By **what way** is the **light parted, which scattereth** the east **wind** upon the earth?” The way where light dwells is the knowledge of the path of its house: John 14:6, “Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way**, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” The way where light dwells is right here and the house is a house of mansions: John 14:1-3, “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's **house are many mansions**: if it were not so, I would have told you. **I go to prepare a place for you**. And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again**, and **receive you unto myself**; that where I am, there ye may be also.” This is the way where light dwells: John 1:1-5, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God**. The same was in the beginning with God. **All things were made by him**; and without him was not any thing made that was made. **In him was life**; and **the life was the light** of men. And **the light shineth in darkness**; and **the darkness comprehended it not**.” The darkness comprehended it not? So the light is a comprehension of truth or an understanding of truth.

Psalms 18:28, “For thou wilt **light** my candle: the LORD my God will **enlighten** my darkness.” Light is equated with enlighten or the understanding; where darkness is in the understanding there is no comprehension and no understanding where that darkness exists. The Lord came to shine a light to all men: John 1:9-13, “That was **the true Light**, which **lighteth every man that cometh into the world**. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and **the world knew him not**. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But **as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God**, even to them that believe on his name: **Which were born**, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but **of God**.” This true Light is the Lord Jesus Christ who came to give us an understanding: 1 John 5:20, “And **we know that the Son of God is come**, and **hath given us an understanding**, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in **his Son Jesus Christ**. **This is the true God**, and **eternal life**.” The most important understanding you will ever get is this true Light that came from above.

John 3:17-21, “For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that **light is come into the world**, and **men loved darkness rather than light**, because their deeds were evil. For every one that

doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd. But **he that doeth truth cometh to the light**, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.”

The Lord Jesus Christ is that True Light: John 8:12, “Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, **I am the light** of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall **have the light of life**.” And again in John 9:5, “As long as I am in the world, **I am the light of the world**.”

Jesus Christ was that true Light and imparted that light to US: Matthew 5:14, “**Ye are the light of the world**. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. **Let your light so shine before men**, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” That light you are to shine before men is the understanding of the gospel: 2 Corinthians 4:1-6, “Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; But have **renounced the hidden things of dishonesty**, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but **by manifestation of the truth** commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. But if our gospel be **hid, it is hid to them that are lost**: In whom **the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ**, who is the image of God, **should shine unto them**. For we preach not ourselves, but **Christ Jesus the Lord**; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. 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**.” And 2 Timothy 1:8-13, “Be not thou therefore ashamed of **the testimony of our Lord**, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; Who hath **saved us, and called us with an holy calling**, not according to our works, but **according to his own purpose and grace**, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, But is now **made manifest** by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and **hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel**: Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for **I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day**. Hold fast the form of **sound words**, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.”

2 Corinthians 5:17-21, “Therefore **if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And **all things are of God, who**

hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that **God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself**, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and **hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation**. Now then **we are ambassadors for Christ**, as though **God did beseech you by us**: we pray you **in Christ's stead**, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that **we might be made the righteousness of God in him**.”

We are supposed to help: Acts 26:18, “To **open their eyes**, and **to turn them from darkness to light**, and **from the power of Satan unto God**, that **they may receive forgiveness of sins**, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.” This is what the preaching of the gospel is to produce.

The Lord God Almighty is calling you to this service: 1 John 1:5-7, “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**. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But **if we walk in the light, as he is in the light**, we have fellowship one with another, and **the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin**.”

Colossians 1:12-14, “Giving thanks unto the Father, **which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light**: Who hath **delivered us from the power of darkness**, and hath **translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son**: In whom **we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins**:”

Salvation is as easy as A B C:

- A. Admit you are a sinner (Romans 3:23, “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God”)
- B. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ to save you (Acts 16:31, “And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.”)
- C. Confess the Lord Jesus Christ as your savior (Romans 10:9-10, “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”)

The Lord

