

Light Of The World

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Introduction

This e-book is a small collection of Bible based 'eWords' which were originally written for the inspirational website www.risingonwings.org. Each chapter consists of a passage of Scripture and its application and all the messages are about the fire and the light of God. Reading this book will stir and strengthen your faith and your walk with God, and it would make a good gift to email your friends and loved ones. "Light Of The World" is dedicated to the One who lit a burning flame in me and drew me into the blazing heart of Jesus, the precious and perfect Holy Spirit, my Lord and Friend. This little ebook is His gift to you. I pray that these messages set your heart ablaze!

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CHAPTER 1

Consuming Fire

(Acts 2:1-4)

“When the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

Most of us are familiar with this passage of Scripture, which describes the divine explosion that was released on the face of the earth at Pentecost 2000 + years ago. This scene has been depicted in movies and in books and it is a powerful picture of the fulfillment of Joel’s prophecy (Joel 2:28) that God would pour out His Spirit on all flesh. I was taught this story as a child in Sunday school, and I remember seeing pictures of the disciples earnestly praying, each of them with a little flame sitting on their heads! This is the vision I used to have about Pentecost day, but I now believe the reality was a little different.

A few months ago, I was meditating on this piece of Scripture when the Lord gave me a colorful vision, as follows: There were people in a room, praying and worshiping the Lord with their arms outstretched. They were loudly declaring the goodness of God when the room began to fill with a steadily increasing sound which began like a quiet hum but rose to the noise of a howling wind. There was suddenly a huge ball of fire on the ceiling in the middle of the room, and it seemed to explode as parts of it detached and descended upon each person all at the same time. The tongues of fire did not remain as little flames on each person's head but consumed their whole being in an instant, like a match to gasoline, until each person was literally a burning flame. Each one began to manifest the presence of the Holy Spirit in different ways, and they were all praying loudly in different tongues. It looked like utter chaos but it was the power of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit had come!

The book of Hebrews 12:29 describes our God as a consuming fire. When the Holy Spirit fell in the upper room on the day of Pentecost, He did not come as a little gentle breeze. He was heard as **a rushing mighty wind** of gale force proportions. This sounds like the kind of wind that moves things that stand in its way, a strong force that cannot be stopped. He did not come to visit us, shake hands and leave; **He came to fill the whole house** with His presence and turn

everything around! He came to set us ablaze. He did not come to give us a few goose bumps and some pleasant experiences. **He came to fill our lives with power**, as Jesus promised in Acts 1:8. He came to bring about a **total transformation**, not only in us but through us to people, cities and nations! The Holy Spirit came upon the disciples of Jesus that pivotal day 2000 years ago, and they were changed forever. They became strong, unstoppable dynamite dispensers who released the signs of the Kingdom wherever they went. He wants to do the same in you!

Dear friend, the Holy Spirit wants to come and fill the whole house, not just a small part of you. He is so sweet and tender and yet a mighty rushing Wind, uprooting ancient trees and bringing revelation, restoration and renovation. The mighty God of all the universe has chosen to make you and me His holy habitation and we have to yield and give Him room. We did not experience the new birth to live a powerless life but to be flames of fire. (Hebrews 1:7: *“He makes His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire”*). We were meant to be life impactors and world changers, powerhouses of God’s glory, leaking His presence wherever we go! We were meant to burn and set others alight, to be changed forever.

There is a Wind blowing into your life and it is a mighty rushing Wind from heaven! It is a Wind

of change, of healing and restoration. It is a wind of new beginnings and the power of the Lord. The Holy Spirit is moving in your life and bringing you to a deeper place. I pray that you and I will yield completely to the beautiful One, the precious Holy Spirit, and let Him have His way. **“Consume us with Your fire and Your passion, precious Lord, and may we forever burn as flames of love for You”!**

CHAPTER 2

Tongues Of Fire

(Acts 2:1-4)

“When the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

When the fire of God began to fall in the upper room, the disciples were probably wondering if they were

dreaming it all, because what they were witnessing was unlike anything they had ever experienced before. Everything that was happening probably looked strange and even confusing to them but God was establishing a new order that day. What looked like tongues of fire came upon every believer in the upper room, but before that happened, the power of God came like a rushing mighty wind and filled the whole house. **The mighty Holy Spirit wants to do great things in and through us.** He wants to empower each of us with Holy Fire, and He can do this freely when we let Him fill every part of our lives. He wants to fill the whole “house”! When tongues of fire came upon the people in the upper room, God the Holy Spirit began to take over their tongues and they began to speak in unknown languages. They were so filled with new wine that Holy Spirit language began to burst out of them in the form of “other tongues”. He wants to fill and overflow us too.

God wants His fire on your tongue! In Isaiah chapter 6, the prophet wrote about his vision of the Throne room and how an angel touched his mouth with a live coal from the altar in heaven. His lips were cleansed for the commission God had for him. Similarly when tongues of fire descended on the people in the upper room, the Holy Spirit began to take over their tongues and they began to speak in unknown languages. There was a great commission they had to fulfill, and nations to be won to the name of Jesus, but first, the Lord had to begin a work in their tongues! God wants us to yield our tongues to the Holy Spirit because we have the power to release life or death through them (Proverbs 18:21) and

He wants us to be releasers of Life. He wants our tongues to be so yielded to Him that we will speak His words not ours, break curses (not speak them!), and speak life and health and salvation wherever we go. James wrote in James 3 that the tongue is a small part of the body but with the potential to do great damage. However, in the power of the Holy Spirit, our tongues can be released to do great good and bring forth the Kingdom with power and might. Let the Fire come upon your tongue!

God wants you to flow in the gift of Tongues. One of the ways we can yield ourselves to the Holy Spirit is to pray in other tongues. Many people who receive the gift of Tongues live their whole lives never realizing the infinite power there is in this precious gift we have been given. Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 14:2 that we utter “mysteries” when we pray in the Spirit, and this is true unless we also have the gift of interpretation. However, when we pray in tongues, we are connecting to heaven and the Holy Spirit helps us to pray on a different dimension. Praying in tongues opens us to receive from heaven, because there is always an inflow even while there is an outflow. It is possible to receive divine direction, wisdom and understanding, revelation, remembrance and every kind of enabling (even to love and forgive) when we pray in Tongues for extended periods of time. Do it regularly and consistently and you will begin to experience a new level of love and power and a deeper closeness with the person of the blessed Holy Spirit. Praying regularly in Tongues will also increase and strengthen your faith (Jude verse 20).

Father God has so much to deposit into you and through you, and this can happen when you flow in the gift of Tongues!

The Holy Spirit wants to give you utterance. It is the Holy Spirit who gives us utterance when we begin to pray in unknown Tongues. He is also giving you utterance as you seek to declare the Word of God and to share the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ. God wants to release His fire into your tongue, and this is what you receive as you yield to the Holy Spirit and allow Him to lead your thoughts and speech. He says to you from Psalm 81:10 *“Open your mouth wide and I will fill it with My words”*. He will give you utterance and you will speak words of power and life to those who hear, words of forgiveness, healing, deliverance, and the love of the Father. When I write these messages, I usually begin by focusing on Jesus and His awesomeness, while praying in Tongues. The Holy Spirit gives me utterance as I type what I receive from His heart, and it all comes together in His own wonderful way! As you hear from the Holy Spirit, your words will be a reflection of His heart because He is giving you utterance!

Dear friend, there is so much that God has for you, and you will step into the fullness of the Kingdom when you give your whole life to the precious Holy Spirit. As you yield yourself to Him consistently through praying in Tongues, you will see the amazing power of His presence and His love, and see transformation in yourself as well as in others around

you. You are setting yourself up for victory and greater things. You are truly heading for higher ground, and that is Pentecost power!

CHAPTER 3

Radical Receiver

(Acts 2:1-4)

“When the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

The power of the Holy Spirit fell that Pentecost day in the upper room with tongues of fire and the sound of a rushing mighty wind. The house was filled with the huge sound from heaven while the people were all filled with the Holy Spirit. That unforgettable day, we were all given the ability to receive and keep on receiving. Wherever you are in your walk with God, you can always have more because it is the Father’s heart that we

grow in the fullness of the Holy Spirit and have ever more of His powerful presence. If you desire more of the Holy Spirit, this message contains vital keys for you so read on!

Position yourself. Before Jesus ascended to heaven, He spoke to His disciples and promised that they would receive power when the Holy Spirit came upon them (Acts 1:8). From that time onwards, the disciples expected something special to happen, and they prayed and worshiped continuously (Acts 1:14) in the upper room. These first few verses of Acts 2 tell us that they were **sitting** in the house. They could have continued with their daily duties of the ministry and rushed around winning souls and ministering to the sick, but they purposed to be still and to radically receive. God hears every prayer we pray and He can fill any one at any time, but I am sure that those vessels that are open and ready to be filled get filled up first! While it is possible for the Holy Spirit to move sovereignly on any person, we usually experience more of Him when we seek God and surrender to His hand upon us. There are many precious people who are asking for the baptism of the Holy Spirit, for the Gifts of the Spirit or to be able to use their spiritual senses but they invest little time into their walk with God. As the disciples spent time hungrily worshiping and praying, and seeking the face of the Lord, He poured out His glory on them and they stepped into a new and radical level of fire and power. It is when we spend time with our friends that we learn their language and start to see life the way they do; it is the same with the Holy Spirit. Get hungry for more of

heaven. Take some time out and position yourself to receive. You will!

One accord. There is power in agreement. We know that heaven backs agreement because Matthew 18:19 says: "Truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven." We also know from Psalm 133 that there is a special anointing which flows upon a group when people are in unity. Jesus said that a house divided cannot stand. (Matthew 12:25 & Mark 3:25). The disciples were in perfect unity as they sought more of the Lord, and they received a baptism of fire! Get together with some Jesus loving friends and pray together – you will be amazed at what can happen! Offences can be a big hindrance as we lift up our hands to Jesus and say “more Lord”. In this end time hour, it is time to put aside our differences and to come together in one heart and mind, to receive the outpouring which God wants to release to His people everywhere. Unity is power and love overcomes everything!

Dear friend, the Holy Spirit says to you today *“you have tasted and seen that I am good. Now draw nearer still and release yourself to Me as I draw close and release Myself to you. There is so much more I have in store and the more you seek the more you will know. Get ready for the new thing I want to do in and through you.”!*

Be a radical receiver and position yourself to have everything the Father has decreed for you. There is a

mighty rushing wind beginning to blow into your house and every part will be filled with fire, in Jesus' name, Amen!

CHAPTER 4

The Light Of The World

(Matthew 5:14-16)

“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lamp stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” (NKJV)

When the Holy Spirit first fell on the disciples of Jesus in the upper room, they were set ablaze with the fire of God (Acts 2). Their lives were transformed by the presence of the Holy Spirit and this became apparent to all who were around them. People saw the signs and wonders following them and were drawn to Jesus. The same is true for us. When the Holy Spirit comes upon our lives, it is because we were meant to burn with a fiery flame. We were not meant to live lukewarm lives fulfilling a religious pattern, but to burn with a passion for Jesus and His Kingdom. Here are some points to ponder.

1. **You** are the light of the world. People/Christians often look for direction and guidance from other sources, but God wants to remind you that **you** are the light of the world. Because the Fiery Flame lives in you, He sheds His light on the things of this life for you, and He also causes you to be a guiding light for those who cannot see the way. In John 8:12, Jesus said: *“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”* When the Holy Spirit fills us, we begin to partake of the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4), and begin to be to the world what Jesus is to us - the light! The life we live is a witness (for good or for bad!) to the world around us. We can make it a witness of light and life when we live in partnership with the Holy Spirit and yield to Him in all things.

2. **You are** the light of the world. You may be looking back on your life and thinking of a time when you led many people to God, or when you were a source of strength and encouragement to those around you. Or perhaps you are looking ahead and believing that you will be an active witness once your challenges are all out of the way. Maybe you look at other people and wish you could live the life of witness they do. The truth is that you are equipped and empowered to shine for Jesus, and to shine today and now because He lives in you and is causing you to burn brightly for the glory of His name. Because He is the light of the world, you are too!

3. You are the light **of the world**. There is a world out there in darkness, and one has to only listen to the daily news to see how bad things are. Jesus said *“For*

everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required” (Luke 12:48). Blessing brings with it a responsibility. When we receive the awesome presence of the mighty Holy Spirit into our lives, it is the most amazing experience to get to know His voice and His ways and to learn to yield to Him and experience Him. However, His presence in us is not only for us to enjoy but is also meant to be a blessing to others. There are people living in confusion and pain, and Jesus wants to shine through us and touch their lives. He wants us to shine by manifesting His love. He wants us to show Him to the world by letting signs and wonders follow us. There is no greater proof of the reality of Jesus than for someone to be healed by His power and to feel His love. It is time to look outside of ourselves and see the needy ones around us. The Holy Spirit wants to be let out!

Let me leave you with these thoughts from the heart of the Father, who says to you: ***“You are the light of the world. You may be seeing yourself through your struggles but I see you as the light. I see you as good and complete and filled with my power. Begin to see yourself as I see you. Then we will be in perfect agreement and see great things happen, which is what I really want for you.”***

You are chosen, you are awesome, and you are filled with heavenly light! Be blessed and shine; you are the light of the world!

CHAPTER 5

A Light In The House

(Matthew 5:14-16)

“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lamp stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” (NKJV)

You are a shining beacon that points the way to Jesus! The day you gave your life to Him and joined the family of God, you became a city set on a hill! Just as new parents would show off their newly born baby to their friends, Abba God wants you to be seen and heard. He wants you to shine for Him wherever you are. None of us would light a lamp and then cover it up, because the purpose of a lamp is its light. God says the same about you. You are filled with His Spirit and filled with His light!

Be a light to those in the “house”. The last chapter spoke about how we have been called to be a light to the world. The other aspect of our ministry of light is that we have been called to encourage and build up those in the “house”, ie, in the family of God. In today’s fast pace life, the ministry of exhortation is probably more

necessary than ever before. There may have been many times when you were really in need of some encouragement and there was no one to give it to you. Or perhaps you have been very blessed by the strengthening words of another member of the family of God. Either way, it is possible to see what a difference we can make by bringing some light into somebody's day, especially when they are weighed down and weary, and cannot see the way. The word for "exhort" used in the New Testament is "*parakaleo*", which means urge, beseech, entreat, console, and comfort. It is exciting to note that the same root word is used to describe the Holy Spirit ("*Parakletos*"), the One who comes alongside the child of God. He is the Comforter, Encourager, and ultimate Friend! The ministry of light within the "house" is so powerful because it is what the Holy Spirit empowers us to do as His presence fills us and we become as one with Him. Today the Holy Spirit is calling us to receive from Him a mantle of exhortation. He loves people and loves to build them up to be all that Jesus called them to be and He is calling us to do the same. It often seems easier to notice and talk about something that was not as good as we would have liked it to be, or to point out a person's challenges to them. However, while there is definitely a place for guidance and correction, the Lord is calling us to bless His kids with a word of grace, and some encouragement to keep them walking through the day. Each time you bring a blessing to a child of God through the warmth of your smile, a loving word, a helping hand in a time of need, remember the words of Jesus, that whatever you did for the least of 'these' you did it unto Him. (Matthew

25:40). Each time you come alongside someone else and lift their hands up when they feel like they are falling, you are manifesting the reality, power, and love of the Holy Spirit. It is what you were born to do!

Dear friend, maybe you are in need of some encouragement today, but give some away and you will see it flowing back into your life. Allow yourself to be that bright light which was lit and placed within the house. Abba raised you up to shine. He wants His glory to be seen in your life and upon your person. You were born to light the way. You were destined to shatter darkness. Proverbs 18:21 says that the power of life and death are in the tongue. God has anointed our tongues to bring forth life, and this is so very powerful. However, when we use the same anointed tongue to declare words of judgment and criticism we may be partnering with the enemy to call forth something negative upon the life of another. We may be bringing condemnation to a life which God has cleansed and healed, and resurrected by the power of the blood of Jesus. Let us instead do what the Holy Spirit is calling us to do. Be an encourager and reach out a hand to someone today. Build them up with the power of your words. This is the ministry of exhortation and what you were called to do. You are a minister of light. You are a beautiful, beaming, burning lamp in the Father's house, so be blessed and shine in all you do!

CHAPTER 6

Made To Shine

(Matthew 5:14-16)

“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lamp stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” (NKJV)

As I you read this chapter, I invite you to step into the picture I am seeing in my heart as I write. It is of the Father bringing a new lamp into His house and setting it on a polished wooden table by a window. The house is in the country, and there are no street lights. It is dusk and the natural light is fading. He wipes the lamp clean inside and out, fixes a new bulb in it, and then switches it on, and the room is suddenly filled with light. It is a light that can be seen through the window from far away, and people walking in the darkness outside get their bearings when they see the shining light. That lamp was made to light the way. It was meant to shine and give sight in the darkness. The Father looks at it with pleasure and says “It is good”! His heart is always pleased when we live in fulfillment of the purpose we were made for.

Today Abba God is speaking to many of you who feel that you have not been allowed to shine. People and circumstances may have tried to stop you being who you were called to be, but God has filled you with His Spirit, and released on you a gifting and a calling. You may have felt that your voice is not heard and that your gifting is not acknowledged but things are about to change! The precious Holy Spirit wants you to know that the day you gave your heart to Jesus and received His forgiveness upon your life, you became a lamp that was meant to shine. You were cleaned up on the inside and a bright new bulb was placed within you. Hindrances may have surrounded you but a city set on a hill cannot be hidden. You may feel like no one recognizes what God has placed inside you, but He is opening doors for you that no man could have opened. The power of the Holy Spirit is dispelling the darkness that tried to hide you. As you open your heart and receive this Word, the light of Jesus is breaking off every lie of the enemy that held you down and kept you from shining bright and flying free. Religion may have blocked the light that was meant to burn, but this day, in the mighty name of Jesus, I break off the shackles that came on your hands and feet, and that stopped your prophetic voice. I break off every word curse that came against your heart and mind. I break off the spirit of infirmity that came against your physical body and tried to stop you walking in your calling. You are appointed, you are anointed, and you are stepping into new seasons in the power of the Holy Spirit, in Jesus' mighty name, amen! I declare that nothing shall hold you back from

this day forth. You are not stepping out alone; the mighty Holy Spirit is with you.

God is not looking at whether you are a man, woman or child, or looking at your past. He is not even focusing on your present struggles. He sees you as strong and righteous (2 Corinthians 5:21) and as filled with His presence. He sees the awesome light-giving lamp He designed you to be. He loves you and has a plan for you, and has given all power and authority to you. (Luke 10:19). You are an overcomer and He needs you in His vineyard. I pray that you will begin to see yourself through His eyes from this day forth, the eyes of a loving Father who sees the best in His child and fully believes that His child will shine in everything he does and make his Daddy proud! When we walk in the fullness of our calling, we bring joy to our Father and we make Him smile!

A city set on a hill **cannot** ever be hidden; it is seen from many miles around. You have been called to be a living picture of the reality and love of God and you were meant to be seen from afar. You were chosen to shine, so **shine** freely, for the glory of God, in Jesus' mighty name, amen!

CHAPTER 7

A City Set On A Hill

(Matthew 5:14-16)

“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lamp stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” (NKJV)

You are a bright light which has been placed on a hill. You were born to live on higher ground. You may have settled for an “ordinary” life but you were created for great things. You are the head and not the tail, you are a leader and a history maker, called to rule and reign with Jesus our King. Your life has been marked to be a shining light, an example, a standard of everything the Kingdom represents. Today the Holy Spirit says to you from Revelations 4:1 “Come up here...” He is calling you to higher ground, to the mountain tops, where the eagles swoop and soar! He is calling you to live where you belong.

There are two things the Holy Spirit would have us focus on today.

1. We were created to move from glory to glory and from strength to strength. Many of us have got

accustomed to just “getting by” in this life but Abba has planned better things for us. He has better for you in your body, spirit and soul. He has better for you in your family, relationships and work. He has ever higher ground for us and He wants us to keep walking up the hill, expecting and anticipating the “exceedingly abundantlies” which flow out of His generous heart. He wants us to believe and know that He has good plans for us and wants to give us the best. His heart overflows with dreams for you and me, as any Father dreams and plans for the progress and fulfillment of their children. Through the precious Holy Spirit, He woos us to those deeper things of the heavenly realm, as He calls us to partner with Him in this adventure of life, and to do great exploits for the glory of His name. There is more and still more! You were meant to be at the top of the hill so look up, and set your eyes on Jesus. Set your eyes on the things above. (Colossians 3:2). What you focus on is what you walk in. You are heading for higher ground!

2. God has called us to a standard of excellence in everything we do. He is a God of generous excellence. Everything He has created is beautiful and good, and He always completes what He begins to the highest standards. When He fashioned this world, He looked at each thing He created and said “It is good”. He is calling us to do the same, to give attention to what we do and do it well. He wants us to do everything with care and to be mindful of the details, just as He is. Because He is a God of excellence, He makes it possible for us to be the same by the power of the Holy Spirit. He enables us to offer Jesus our best. Whether in the Kingdom or in

the world, our work can bring great glory to the name of Jesus when we do it well and do it with love and joy. There is a high level of excellence that the Holy Spirit wants to bring us to, which will cause the world to see and marvel, and to know that Jesus is indeed Lord over everything, hallelujah! We were meant to do things well. In Mark 7:37, we are told that the people were amazed at what Jesus did and said “He does everything well.” When we aim for excellence, we are just following our Lord. He says “Let your light so shine before men that they will see your **good** works and praise your Father in heaven.” Praise awaits You, our Lord and King, as we seek to honor You in everything!

May the Lord fill you with His glory, and may Jesus shine through you as a burning light that cannot be dimmed. You are a city set on a hill and a high place for His holy habitation. May people see your life and work and praise the name of Jesus always!

CHAPTER 8

Let Your Light Shine

(Matthew 5:14-16)

“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lamp stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” (NKJV)

This chapter is a reflection of the Father’s heart, as He calls us to radiate who He is and let His love be seen by a world in need of light. He calls us a “city set on a hill” which cannot be hidden and the “light of the world”, and He says to us “Shine so brightly that people cannot help but see, and realize that it is Me”! How can we do that?

A life of witness. Jesus said “Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. He is talking about a lifestyle of love which represents the Father. He is also talking about a life that reflects His presence and His blessing, even in adverse situations. God has poured His love and blessing upon our lives and He wants the difference to be seen by the world. He wants to draw people to Him through His loving kindness upon us. As we live in Him, His love and light are shed abroad in our hearts, and we become a lighthouse and a standard for a

world in need. When everything around us may seem to be falling apart, we can continue to stand on our Rock and firm Foundation, a living statement that God is real and God is love, and we are never alone, hallelujah!

Choose to shine. Jesus said “*let* your light shine”, because it is something we decide to do. It is the truth that all who are filled with Jesus burn brightly, but to let that light be seen is a choice each one makes. This world can be a difficult place to stand for Jesus, but we can start by never denying Him or our identity in Him, and by giving Him glory when we should. Jesus said in Matthew 10:32 “*everyone who will acknowledge Me before men, I will also acknowledge him before My Father in heaven.*” There is a double blessing when you let your light shine!

Any light can be seen in the darkness. Even tiny lights (like the light on a cell phone or a key tag) dispel darkness and illuminate the way. God is not concerned about the size of the light, because He can do so much with so little. He just wants to see His kids ready to shine! You may have felt that your witness is not significant or inspiring, and that you are not impacting anyone for Jesus, but the devil is a liar. Even flickering lights can be seen from a distance and can show people the way. Every believer has something to share and can be a blessing to someone in need because Jesus touched their lives and made their heart His home.

Dear friend, the Father is speaking to us in this end time hour, to choose where we will stand. Many people have

thought the 'fence' is a safe place to be, but He wants us to know that the fence belongs to the powers of darkness. The fence represents the spirit of compromise which is affecting so many precious people of God. It is the beginning of the denial (of Jesus) which we choose each time we turn a blind eye to the inroads of the enemy. God tells us from Romans 12:2: "*Do not be conformed to the world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*" The brightness of our light begins within, as we are touched and changed to reflect the glory and the love of Jesus. It is possible to be in the minority and still win. It is possible to let ourselves shine brightly in the darkness and bring great joy to the heart of our awesome and amazing God!

Know today that the Father is pleased with you and how you have lived your life to reflect His light, even in the face of difficulties from your family and the world. You may be the only Believer where you are but you are surrounded by the heavenly host. The Holy Spirit is with you and He is enabling you to shine. You and God are a majority, and even as you identify with Jesus and acknowledge Him before the people you know, He is mentioning you to the Father and talking about you in heaven. You are receiving an honorable mention in high places!

Today I break fear and intimidation off your heart and mind, and every threat and hindrance of the enemy who has tried to stop your witness. I release you to shine

where you are. I call forth the flame inside you and the stirring up of the gifts you were given to present Jesus to the world. Receive His glory. Receive His power. Shine with the light of the King of kings, in Jesus' name, Amen!

CHAPTER 9

The Light Of Life

(Matthew 5:14-16)

“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lamp stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” (NKJV)

In these past few chapters, we have looked at what it means to be a light in the world. Jesus wants us (His lights) to shine. He wants us to bring glory to Him and draw others unto Him, but how do we become the lights He wants us to be in the first place? In John 8:12, Jesus said to the people: *“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”* When we first connect with the love of

God and give our hearts to Jesus, He lights a fire within us. But it is when we *follow* Him that we become consumed and changed to such a degree that people begin to notice. He is talking about the daily decision to walk His way and live for Him, to be who He is and to love as He loves; to adhere to Him like glue and never, ever let go! In Exodus 3:14, God said to Moses *"I am who I am"*, while Jesus said in John 8:58, *"I tell you the truth, before Abraham was even born, I Am!"* He was, He is, He always will be. He is the light which has burned for all eternity. In 1 John 4:17, we read *"As He is so also are we in this world"*. He calls us to be the light of the world because He is the light and He shines right through us. He was a burning furnace of fiery love and power from before the dawning of time. When we get filled up with the Holy Spirit and set ablaze with love for Jesus, there is no way the light can be hidden under a basket. Eternity has to shine through! There is nothing that can stop the manifestation of His presence and the fulfillment of His plan for you to be a transformer in your nation and in your generation. The light will shine. The fire will consume!

Dear friend, are you ready to burn with a passion for Jesus? Are you willing to lay down your own agenda and be consumed by His? Are you willing to lay your own light aside while you yield to the Holy Spirit and let Him burn unquenchably from inside you? This flame is from the river of fire that flows from the very throne of God. As you open your life and it flows into you, you cannot help but set others ablaze too! In this end time hour, when evil seems to be reaching levels hitherto

unseen, it is only the ones that burn with the Light who will overcome and bring others to the revelation of Jesus and His power. It is only those vessels filled with the Light of Life who will be fearless in the days of tribulation.

Say “yes” to the Light of Life. Get hungry for more of Jesus! Let Him fill you up to burn for Him. You are the light of the world. You are a city set on a hill. Let people see what burns within you and praise and glorify your Father in heaven!

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