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Acts 20:7-8, “⁷And upon the first [day] of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.⁸And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together.”

The above verse is the only time in the Bible the term “many lights” appears in the Bible. The passage is certainly talking about lights lighting where they were gathered since Paul preached until midnight and it would have been very dark.

I just find it interesting that “many lights” is used where the gospel is being preached. There were no doubt many physical lamps, possibly burning with oil to illuminate, but the brightest light of all was shining—the gospel, the good news, the word of the LORD. It’s interesting to see how often the word of God is referred to as light. Though I cannot cover in the space here all that should be said, the following passages show how the word of God is the light that guides us.

Psalms 119:105, “*Thy word [is] a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*” Anytime we travel the way must be lit. Perhaps it’s a path in the yard at night or traveling down the road in our automobiles. Lights are

essential to safe travel and a safe arrival at our destination.

There is no more important path than the one we travel in this life. We need light to guide us around obstacles and keep us on the path. The Bible is that light. It’s a lamp and light that will guide us to our eternal destination of Heaven.

Psalms 119:130, “*The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.*” At the very entering of God’s words into our hearts, the light shines. Once you let this light into your life, you gain understanding. The more the light shines, the more you understand the word the LORD has given us. Physical light can cause us to say, “Now I see.” Likewise the light of the Bible brings understanding when we let the light shine.

Proverbs 6:23, “*For the commandment [is] a lamp; and the law [is] light; and reproofs of instruction [are] the way of life.*” The writer of Proverbs is instructing his son to stay away from sinful relationships. Such situations will block us from eternal salvation. Like a headlamp on an automobile, the word of God can help us see these obstacles in the road of life and go around and avoid them totally.

Isaiah 2:5, “*O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.*” The prophet Isaiah was inviting the house of Jacob to come and walk in the light of the LORD. To walk outside of this light leads to eternal destruction. There is no reason to walk in the darkness. The invitation is here to walk in the light and the light is available.

Zechariah 14:7, “*But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, [that] at evening time it shall be light.*” Though this passage could refer to any time the LORD is bringing judgment upon people. It could also be referring to the coming of the church in Acts. The word of God would be completed after that time.

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News

—Continue to remember **Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Shirley Parson. Shirley Edwards** was admitted to T. J. Samson hospital in Glasgow with an extremely low heart rate last Sunday.

On Monday doctors installed a pacemaker. She is recovering in rehab at T. J. Samson. **Vicki McDaniel** will be going to Nashville tomorrow to see about a plate in her neck and shoulder that was placed there several years ago. Two screws have worked loose and are causing her much pain and numbness in her arms and hands. Continue to remember Vicki's sister Carol Baldwin following surgery for arthritis. Last week we mentioned the serious condition of **Ashley Isenberg**. She passed away this past week and the funeral was Friday in Horse Cave. Remember **Jimmy & Brenda Isenberg** in prayer. Ashley was their only child. We are very thankful to have **Larry Compton** back with us this past Wednesday after six weeks. He has been recovering at his daughter's home in Tennessee from knee replacement surgery.

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This verse is the last time "light" is mentioned in the Old Testament. There would be very dark times coming with the darkest of all still to come. In a few centuries Jesus would be put to death by sinful man. Instead of darkness, or evening coming, there was light. That light was made possible by the death and resurrection of Jesus. That light was shown forth in the completed word of God that shows us how to obtain eternal life.

II Peter 1:19, "*We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto alight that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts.*" Peter warns to take heed to the light that shines. This light is likened unto a light that shines in a dark place until the day dawn.

There will not always be the darkness of night. Just as we need to use light to illuminate for us until the sun arises in the morning, we use the

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Sunday, January 12, 2020		
Classes	14	II Peter 1:5-7
Preaching	32	James 4:13-14
Contribution	\$692.00	
Evening	15	Ezra 1:1-11
Wednesday, January 15, 2020		
Classes	14	Isaiah 12:1-6

Visitors— Jan 12 (AM) Jonathan & Roberta Holly, Caden & Jaxon Murlee (Cave City, KY); John Lay (Glasgow, KY); Chris & Misty Bush (Horse Cave, KY)

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light of God's word to shine and guide until the day star arises. That day star is Jesus and this is referring to when Jesus appears and the saved will be in Heaven. Jesus said in Revelation 2:26-28 that to the one who overcomes, He will give the morning star.

The mystery of what the morning star might be is answered plainly in Revelation 22:16, "*I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, [and] the bright and morning star.*" After this life, we will be given the eternal light, the morning star, Jesus.

—Marty Edwards❖

—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)