

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

John 8:12-20
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INTRODUCTION: THE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE OF TRAVEL

Typically, when Americans travel, we travel for business or pleasure, not religious observance.

The Feast of Pesach

The Feast of Shavuoth

The Feast of Sukkoth



? Why do you think they lit candles to remember the wondering in the wilderness?

I. JESUS CHALLENGES THE PEOPLE

Jesus statement was not just a declaration about His own identity, but a challenge to the people to follow Him.

Let's take Jesus words apart...

A. I AM

Isaiah 42:6-9...16

"I am the Lord, I have called You in righteousness,
I will also hold You by the hand and watch over You,
And I will appoint You as a covenant to the people,
As a light to the nations,
To open blind eyes,
To bring out prisoners from the dungeon
And those who dwell in darkness from the prison.
I am the Lord, that is My name;
I will not give My glory to another,
Nor My praise to idols.
Behold, the former things have come to pass,
Now I declare new things;
Before they sprout I proclaim them to you."
...I will lead those who are blind by a way they have not known,
In paths they have not known I will guide them.
I will turn darkness into light before them
And uneven land into plains.
These are the things I will do,
And I will not leave them undone."

Isaiah 49:6

He says, "It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant
To raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the protected ones of Israel;
I will also make You a light of the nations
So that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

B. THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD...NOT WALK IN DARKNESS

1. Light=Life/Darkness=Death

John 1:4, 5

Cp. v. 21

2. Light=Obedience/Darkness=Impurity

1 John 1:6, 7

If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

John 3:19; 21

Cp. Vv. 31, 34

3. Light=Knowledge/Darkness=Ignorance

John 1:5

2 Corinthians 4:6

For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

Cp. v. 19

C. WHOEVER FOLLOWS ME

Cp. v. 24

John 12:36

? To whom is the challenge made?

II. THE PEOPLE RESPOND TO JESUS' CHALLENGE

A. THE PEOPLE'S REACTION

John 5:31

B. JESUS' RESPONSE

1. You Will Die. V. 21
2. You Are Ignorant. VV. 14-19
3. You Must Obey. VV. 31, 34

CONCLUSION: GLOWING WITH JESUS' LIGHT

Energy can be transferred as light.

Matthew 5:14-16