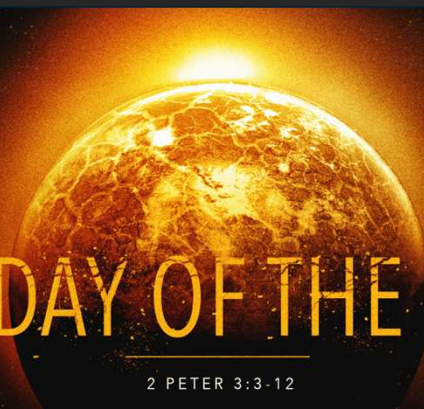




THE DAY OF THE LORD

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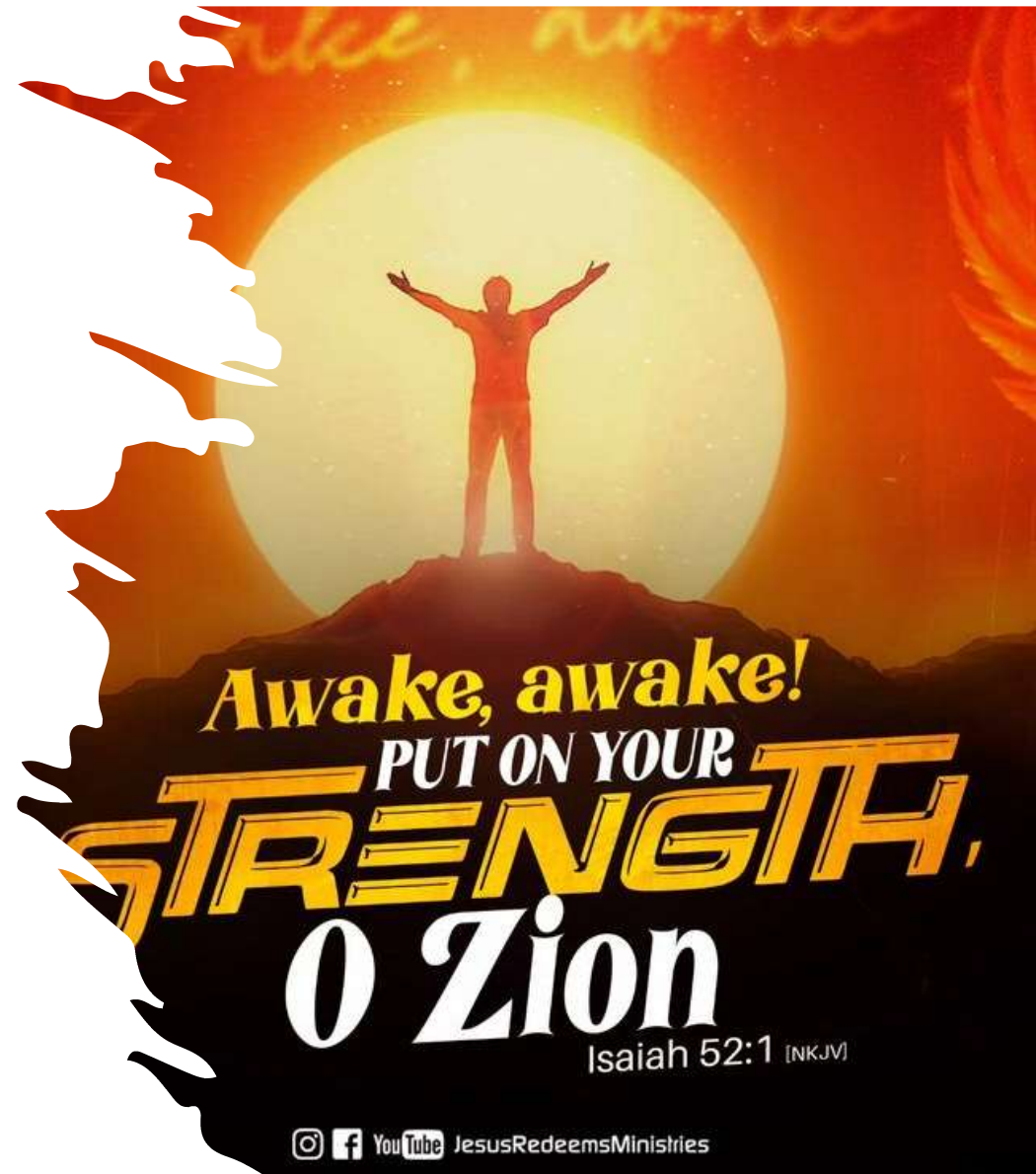
Begins in the Dark



The High Call of THE REMNANT

Message #2

- **Awake, awake;** put on thy **strength,** O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O **Jerusalem, the holy city:** for henceforth there shall no more come into thee **the uncircumcised and the unclean.**
- **Shake thyself from the dust;** arise, *and* sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.
- For thus saith the LORD, **Ye have sold yourselves for nought;** and **ye shall be redeemed without money.** Isaiah 52:1-3
- Wherefore he saith, **Awake** thou that **sleepest,** and **arise** from the **dead,** and **Christ shall give thee light.** Ephesians 5:14



- We must **arise** and **walk** with a **renewed faith**, despite the fact that the path before us is not always plain.
- **It's still dark out there**, but those apprehended for Zion follow on courageously **to know the Lord** in all His **fullness** and **splendor**.
- **Genesis** is the **seed-plot** of the entire Bible.
- The phrase, “**and the evening and the morning**” are repeated six times in the first chapter of Genesis.
 - And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. **And the evening and the morning were the first day.** Genesis 1:5
- The principle is clear: **God's day begins in the evening and ends in the morning!**
 - And that, **knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep:** for now *is* our salvation nearer than when we believed.
 - **The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.** Romans 13:11-12

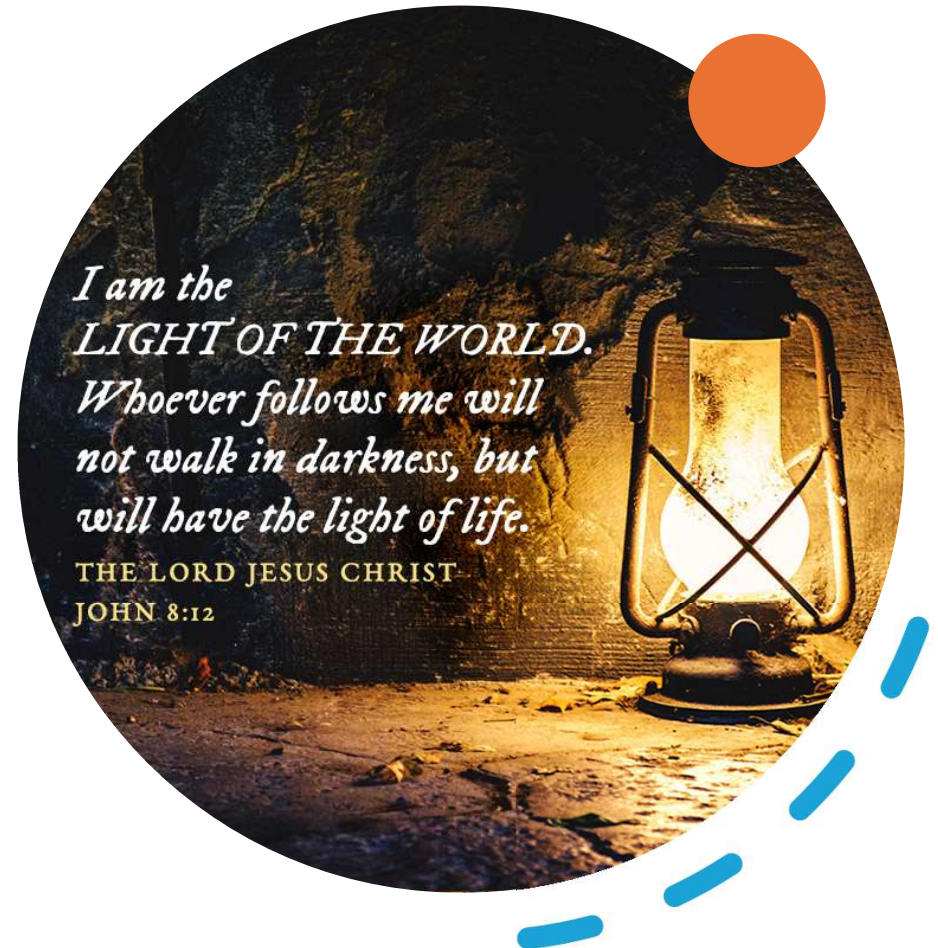


- **The alarm is sounding.**
 - **The Day of the Lord has dawned.**
 - **One day** with the Lord is as **one thousand years.**
 - We have entered the **seventh day** from Adam and the **third day** from Jesus.
 - All over the earth, it is a **new day.**
 - Arise, and shine!
 - **Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.**
- Isaiah 60:1

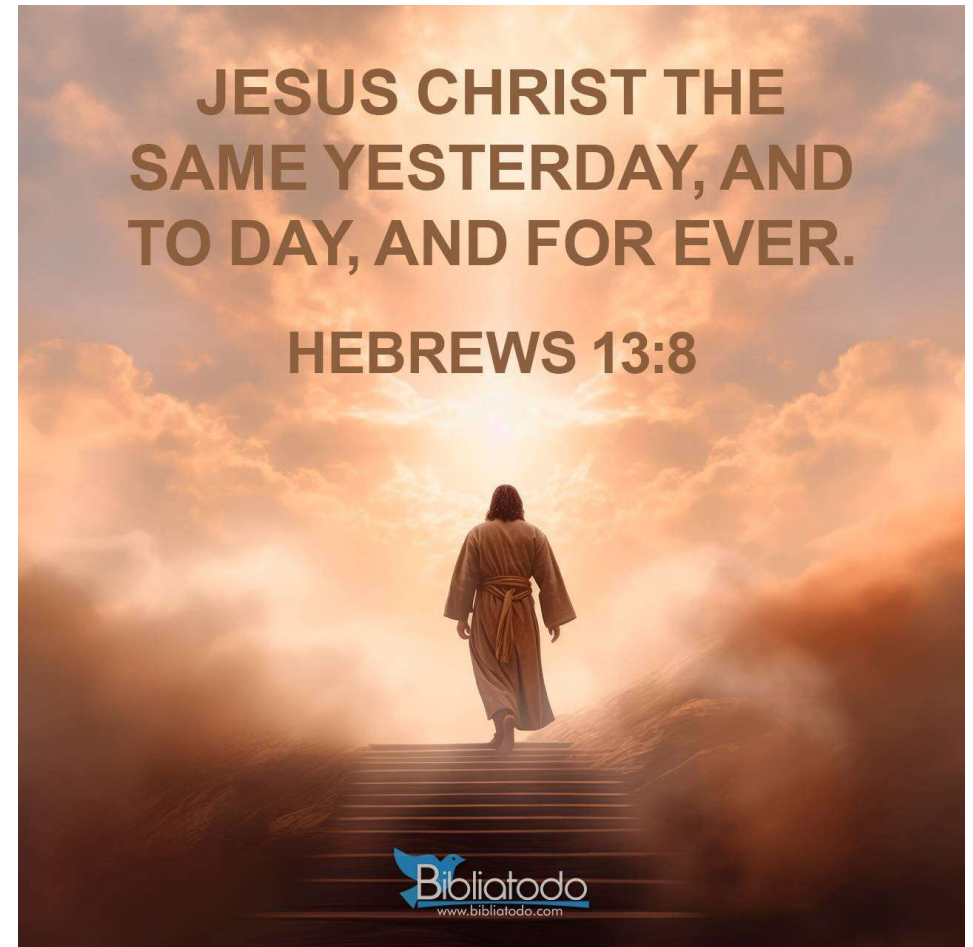


"Arise, shine; for thy light
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- But **it's dark out there!**
- We **do not see everything clearly.**
- Only those of us who **passionately love** and **trust the Lord** will continue to **walk forward** with Him, though **we do not have all the answers.**
- **The Day of the Lord is not measured by chronological time.**
- **His day** and **His anointing** are pictured as the Golden Candlestick in the Tabernacle of Moses. (Exodus 25:31-40)
- This glorious **Lampstand** had no specific measurements.
- Jesus, the Word made flesh, clothed Himself with time, and **became the Light of the world.**
 - 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. John 8:12



- The **anointing** upon the Son was “**without measure**”.
 - For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: **for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.** John 3:34
- His **anointing** is **timeless**.
 - Jesus Christ the **same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.** Hebrews 13:8
- **This time in which we are living** is a definite time or season, the time **when things are brought to crisis.**
- This **moment** in time is also a **space** of **grace.**
- **God has all the time in the world, but we don't.**
- It is **imperative** that we move at **His pace.**



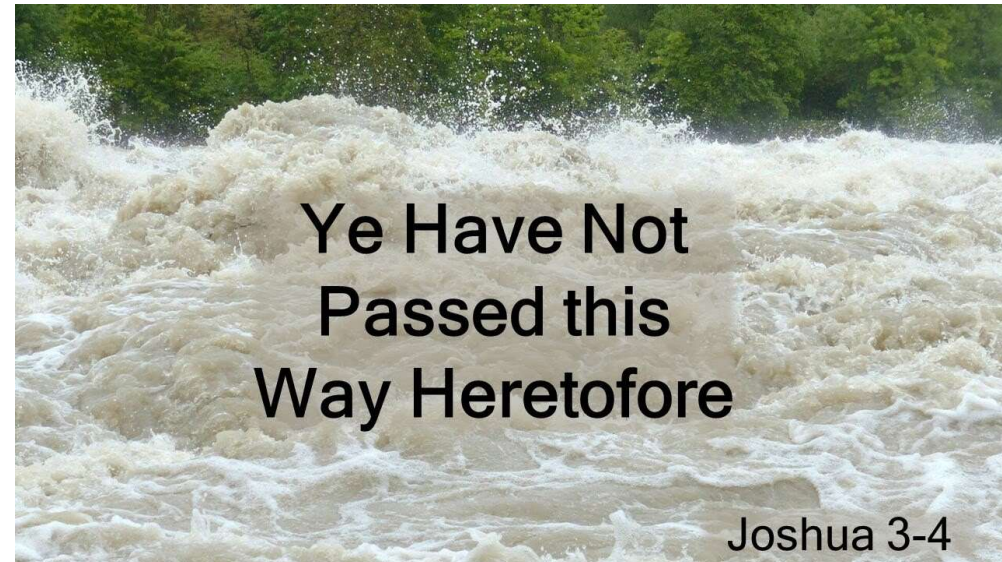
- Moses' church in the wilderness followed the **cloud of glory**, as the commandment of the Lord. (Numbers 9:15-23)
- Jesus's Church is **led by the Spirit of God**.
 - For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, **they are the sons of God**. Romans 8:14
- **These days are serious.**
- This is not a time to be cute, to "**play church**".
 - And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; **and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.** Exodus 32:6
- Yet many in the American Church continue to **toy** with the popular game called, "nickels, noses, and names".
- **Everyone craves success.**
- But are we **effective**?

**"The People Sat Down
to Eat and Drink,
and Rose Up to Play"**

Exodus 32:6
1 Cor 10:7



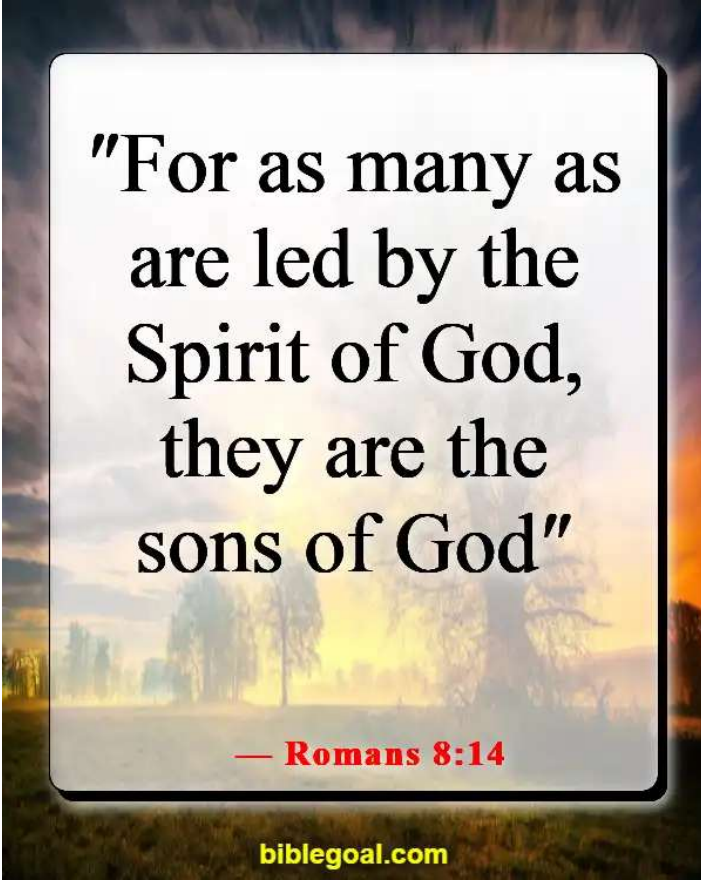
- It's not how many of us there are, **but how big a sound we are making!**
- Only those **who have power with God** have any **real impact** upon other people.
- The depth of our **commitment to His Word and Kingdom purpose** determines the **breadth** and scope of our **influence** upon others.
 - **For ye have not passed *this way* heretofore.**
 - And Joshua said unto the people, **Sanctify yourselves:** for to morrow the LORD will do wonders among you. Joshua 3:4-5
- **People of real faith have sanctified themselves.**



Ye Have Not
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Way Heretofore

Joshua 3-4

- The old school focuses on setting themselves apart **from some thing**.
- But in this new day, we are sanctified **UNTO SOMEONE!**
- Though the Jordan is flooded, get ready.
- **Posture** yourselves for inheritance!
- There is a difference between **acquiring** a **harvest** and **receiving** an **inheritance**.
- To bring in a **harvest**, you must **DO something**.
- You must **sow, cultivate**, and then **reap**.
- To obtain the **inheritance**, you must **BE someone!**
- **You must BE a SON!**

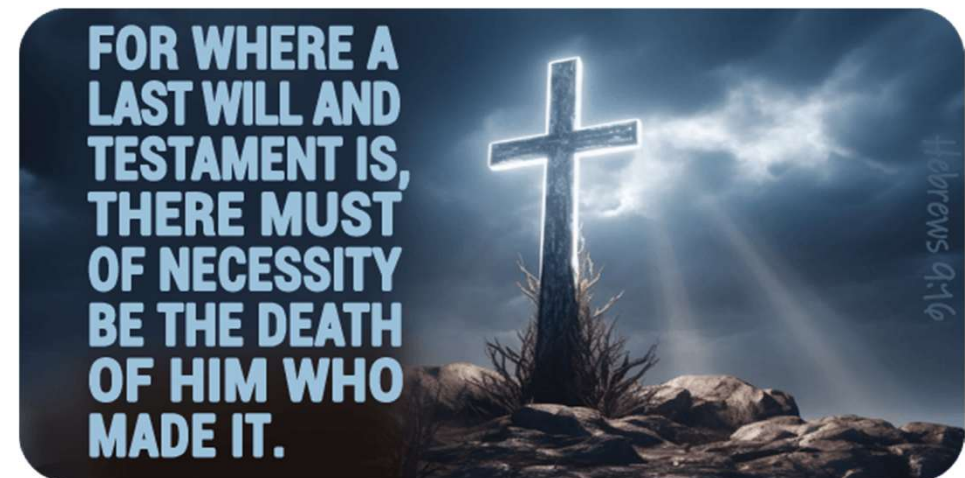


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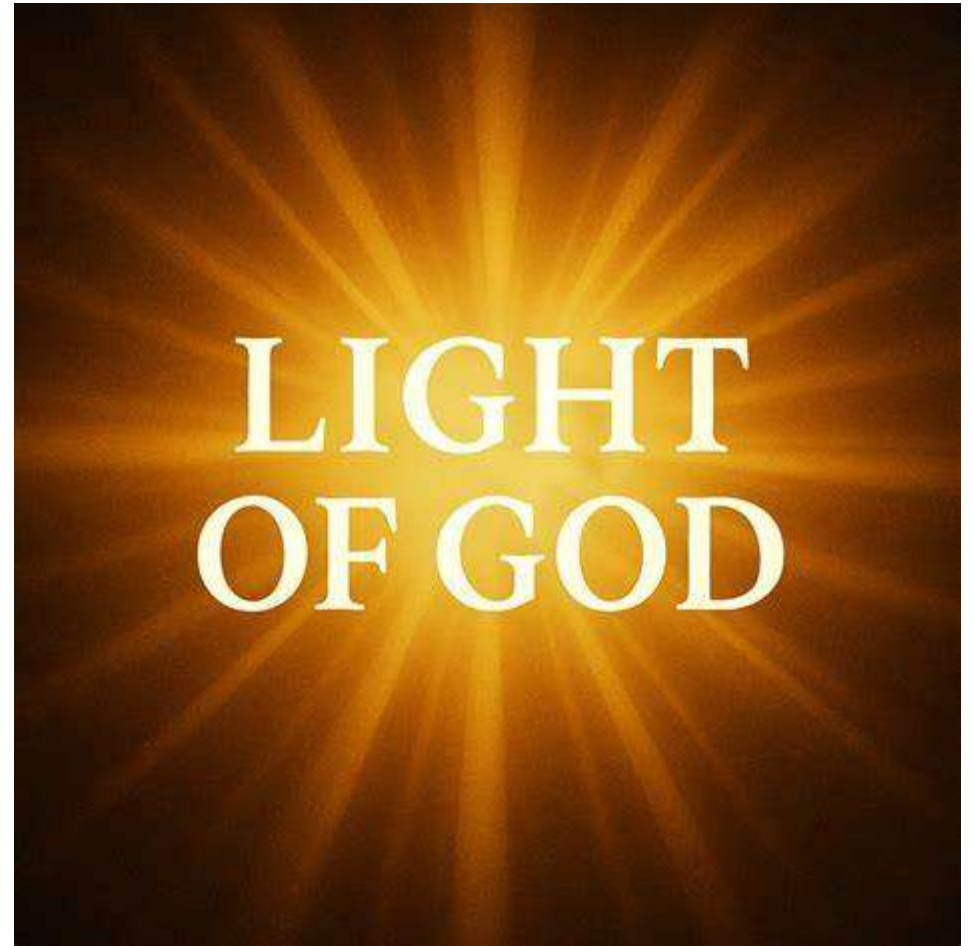
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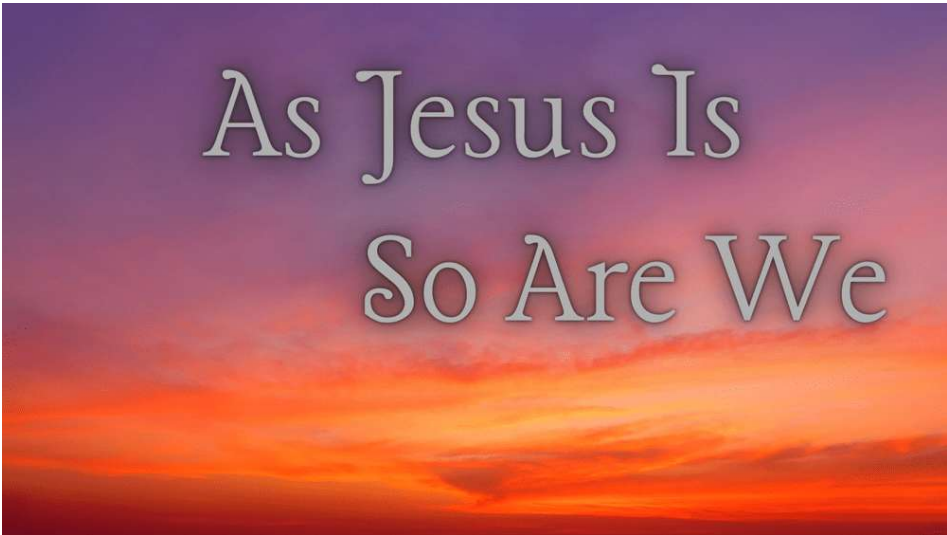
- You don't **die** to receive an **inheritance**.
- The “**testator**” dies, and **then he gives it to you!**
 - **For where a testament *is*, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.** Hebrews 9:16
- It's dark “**out there**”.
- But “**in here**” – in the realm of spirit – it is **light**.
- “**Out there**” is the **realm of flesh**, the **natural world**, and it's **DARK**.
- “**In here**” is the **realm of spirit**, the spiritual world.
 - While we look not at the things which are seen, **but at the things which are not seen**: for the things which are seen *are* temporal; **but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.** 2 Corinthians 4:18



- Our source is not in **external**, empirical **knowledge**, that which we sense.
- **We walk by faith and not by sight**, calling those things which be not as though they were.
 - (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, *even* God, who quickeneth the dead, and **calleth those things which be not as though they were.** Romans 4:17
- **Everything outside of Christ is darkness and death**, but “**in here**”, in **Christ**, all is **light and life**.
- **Light** represents **understanding**.
 - **The eyes of your understanding being enlightened**; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints. Ephesians 1:18

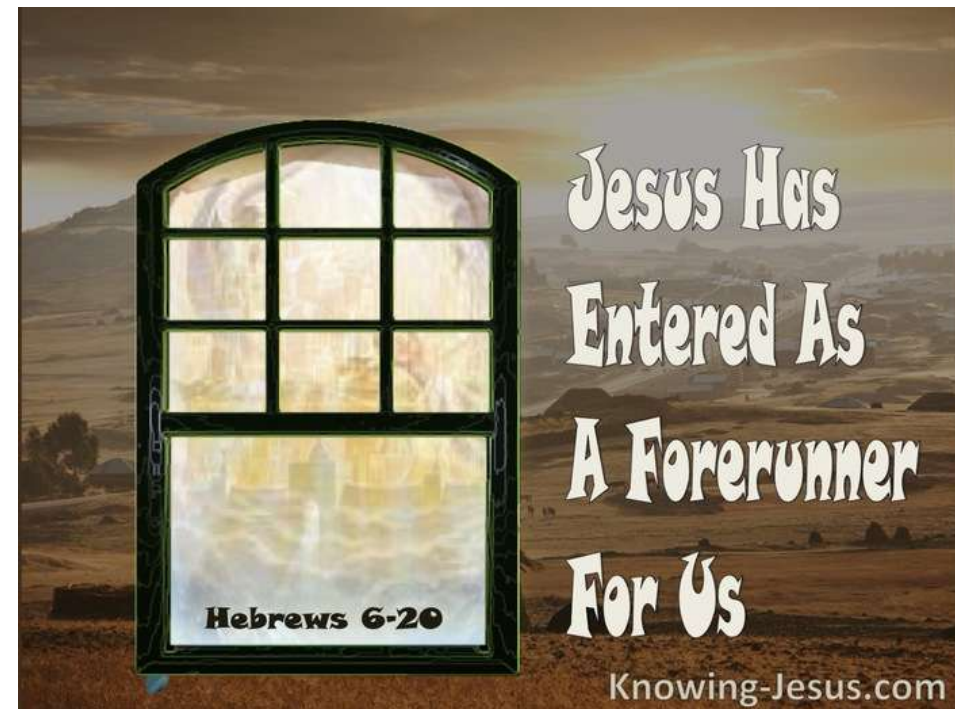


- **Darkness** speaks of **ignorance**.
- **We all are still ignorant about many things.**
- Countless people have tried to **guess** and **surmise** what the end-time Church will look like.
- I can tell you that I don't know exactly every detail of the end-times, but I do know that **the Church will look like HIM**, and really that's where our primary focus should be.
- The people of Zion are a company of pioneers.
- The story of the two spies in the Book of Joshua is a story about **forerunners**. (See Joshua 2).



As Jesus Is
So Are We

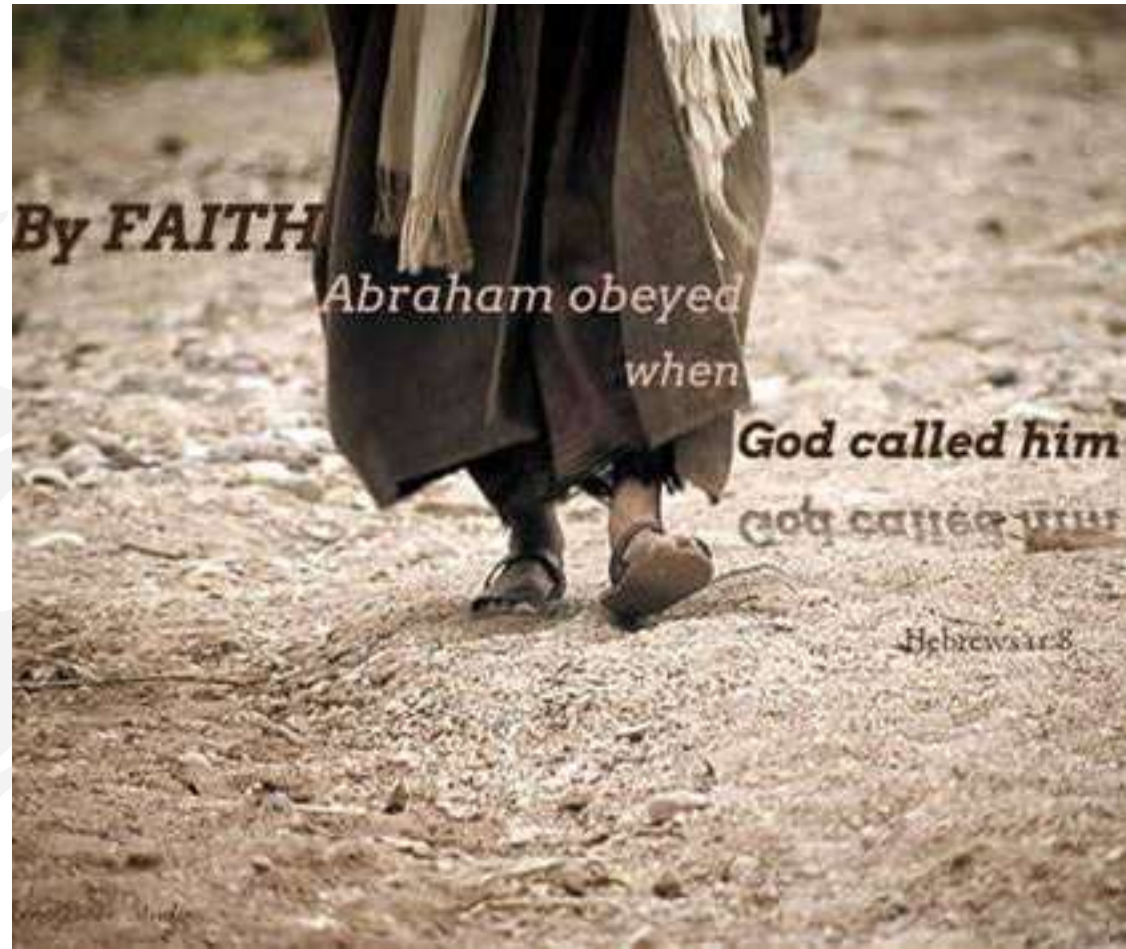
- Jesus Himself is called “the **forerunner**” in Hebrews 6:20.
 - **Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus**, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.
- Most people have not heard what these trailblazers have heard because most people are not willing to walk into “new” things.
 - **Behold, I will do a new thing**; now it shall **spring forth**; shall ye not know it? **I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.** Isaiah 43:19
- They refuse to **grow up** and **change**.
- Too many American Christians seek **comfort**, rather than **conviction**.



- All of our **spiritual maps** are **old** and **obsolete**.
- They show land that has been **traversed** and **conquered**.
- Maps point to **where God used to be**.
- But the **high calling** requires a **compass**.
- **It directs us to where God is and to where He is going.**
- All we have now is a **sense of direction**.
- We have been **called up into uncharted territory**, the **fullness of Zion**, the **resurrection life of the Most Holy Place**.



- All we have in our hand is a **compass**, and that is enough; for our **compass is CHRIST!**
 - For as **many as are led by the Spirit of God**, they are the sons of God. Romans 8:14
 - [Issac said] *I being in the way, the LORD led me to the house of my master's brethren.* Genesis 24:27
 - By faith Abraham, when **he was called to go out into a place** which he should after receive for an inheritance, **obeyed**; and he went out, **not knowing whither he went.** Hebrews 11:8
- Abraham, the “**father**” of all those **called to walk by faith**, pleased God.

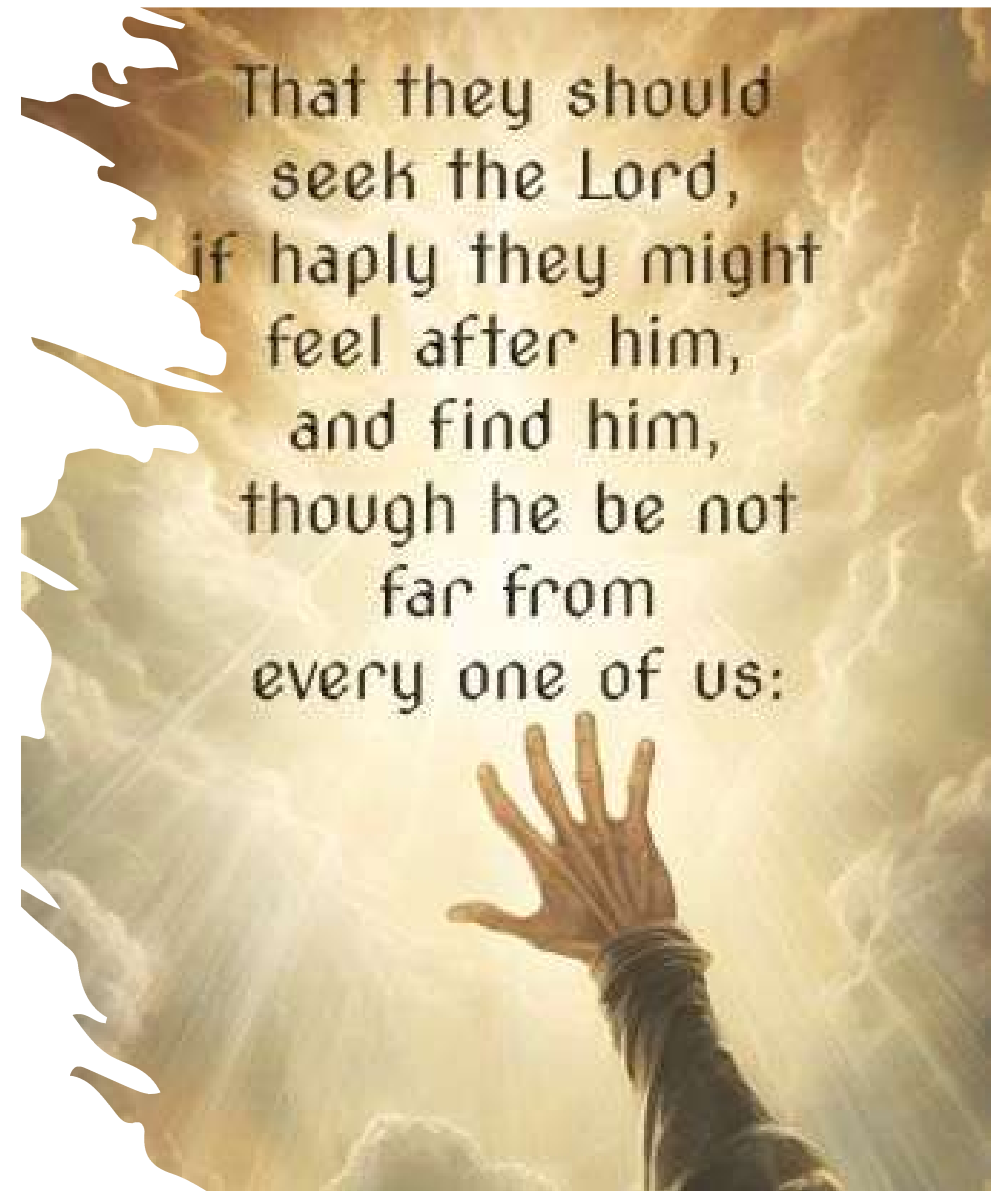


- All Abraham had was a **compass**.
 - But as it is written, **Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard**, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.
 - **But God hath revealed *them* unto us by his Spirit**: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 1 Corinthians 2:9-10
- No man or woman has walked fully in which has been prepared for us in the unexplored realms of the Spirit.
 - Now unto him that is able to do **exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us**. Ephesians 3:20
- There are **fresh levels of worship, service, and commitment** for the corporate Man.
- **We have never been this way before!**

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- That they should seek the Lord, if haply they **might feel after him**, and **find him**, though **he be not far** from every one of us: Acts 17:27
- But the **path of the just is as the shining light**, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. Proverbs 4:18
- **The Day of the Lord begins in the evening (dusk) and ends in the morning (light).**
- **The Day of the Lord starts in the dark!**
- God will sometimes lead you down what seems like a blind alley and then tell you to find your way out.
- In those **night seasons**, you will have to “**feel**” after God.
- People who have come from a sin-conscious background and ministry will think that they have **backslidden**.
- In **frustration** and eventual **desperation** many cry out, “**What is wrong with me?**”





- But **God is leading His people into unprecedented things, unheard of things.**
- **God's day starts in the shadows**, when and where things aren't perfectly obvious.
- Images are fuzzy and dim.
- You should know that all is well and **He will perform all of His Word to you.**
- The Lord will also graciously condescend to a new, young believer and show him or her the **end from the beginning.**
- Many of us experience great miracles at the first, and then it all seems to stop.
- Likewise, Jesus sent out His disciples without any provision in Luke 10 and Matthew 10.



- Later, **He sent them forth again**, this time with **money and food**.
 - And he said unto them, **When I sent you without** purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing.
 - Then said he unto them, **But now**, he that hath a purse, let him take *it*, and likewise *his* scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one. Luke 22:35-36
- Have you experience anything during your spiritual journey that you cannot explain?
- Has God spoken some things to you **that are still not clear**?
 - Why was it this way and now it's a different way?
- Is anything happening to you right now that you **can't quite get a grip or handle on**?
- Even so, we can sense the coming fulfillment of His promises.
- We hear them call from a distance.

- We can almost smell the promises of God as we squint at cloudy things.
- **But it's still dark out there.**
- The only people who are going to **walk by faith** are those who **unconditionally love God**.
- **The Day of the Lord has begun in the misty dusk of the evening.**
- **Morning is on the way.**
- The **Virtuous Woman** of Proverbs 31 pictures the glorious **Church**.
- **We are arising “while it is yet night.”** (Proverbs 31:15)
- Those who are led by their flesh and not by His Spirit will sit on their blessed assurance until they can see things clearly.
- They are practicing “safe church”.
- **But it soon will be too late.**
- As in Noah's day, this moment will soon end, and **the door will be shut.**

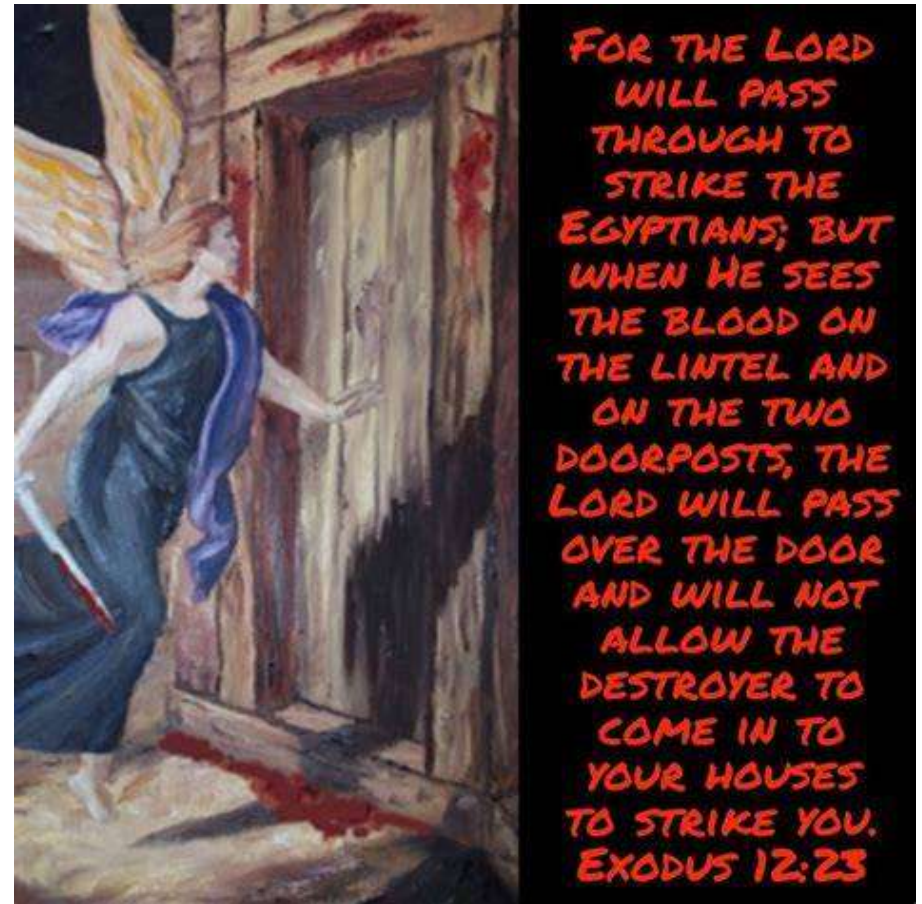


She Rises
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Night

- Moses' congregation was **led through the wilderness by the pillar of cloud by day** and the **pillar of fire by night**.
 - And it [the cloud] came between the **camp of the Egyptians** and the **camp of Israel**; and it was a **cloud** and **darkness to them**, but it **gave light by night to these**: so that the one came not near the other all the night. Exodus 14:20
- The manifest **Presence of Jehovah** gave Israel "**light by night**".
- **Egypt** lay **behind them**.
- **Canaan's milk** and **honey beckoned** them **onward**.
- The **back side of the cloud** was a **place of darkness**, and it **represented their past**, pointing **back to Egypt**.
- The **front side of that same cloud** was flooded with **light**, and forecast their **future**, reaching forth to the land of overflowing abundance.



- Which side of the cloud are you living on?
- The **past** or the **future**?
 - But ye *are* a **chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people**; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. 1 Peter 2:9
- The **darkness** and **death** of our trespasses and **sinful past** lay behind us.
- The tyranny of the god and prince of this world system was **overwhelmed** by the **blood of the Passover Lamb**.
 - And the **blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses** where ye *are*: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy *you*, when I smite the land of Egypt.
 - For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, **the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.** Exodus 12:13,23



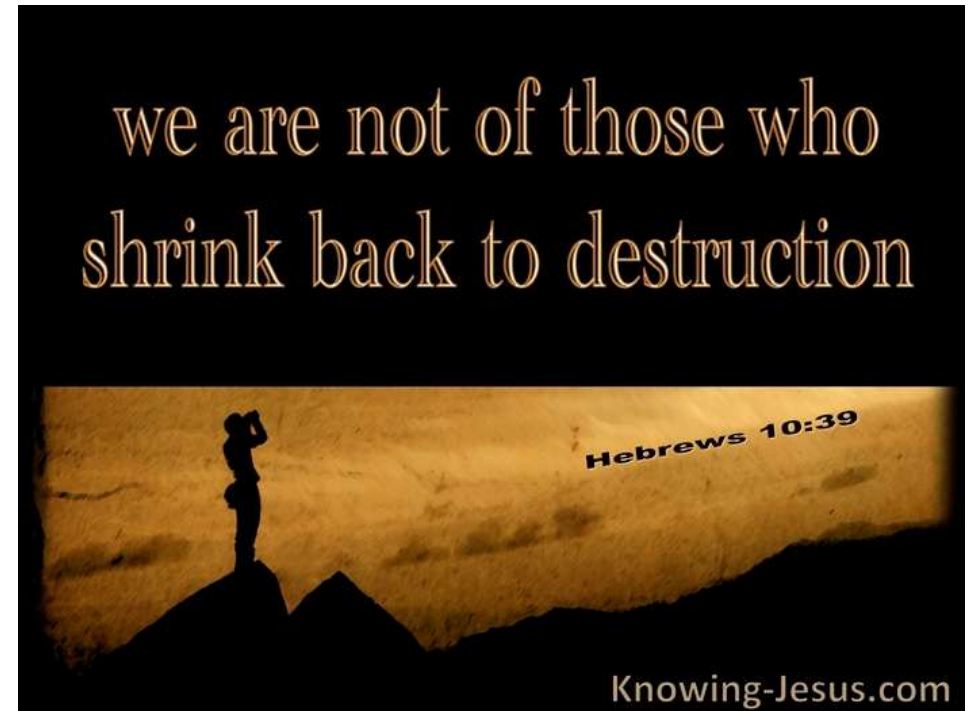
- Our **future is bright** as we **ascend** into **Zion!**
- Abraham the father of the faith-walk, found himself between **Ai** and **Bethel**.
 - And he (Abraham) went on his journeys from the south even to Bethel, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Hai. Genesis 13:3
- “**Ai**” means “**a heap of ruins.**”
- “**Bethel**” means “**the house of God.**”
- **We cannot return to the former things.**
- We must **press on to the place of His holy habitation.**
 - A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land *is* as the garden of Eden before them, and **behind them a desolate wilderness**; yea, and nothing shall escape them. Joel 2:3



- **Joel's army**, one of the many biblical descriptions of the corporate **Overcomer**, the **remnant of Zion**, further illustrates this truth.
- **Behind us is a “desolate wilderness.”**
- **Before us is the Garden of Eden**, the **Paradise of God**, the **fullness of Kingdom** dominion.
- God's great love for His elect has moved Him to burn up all the stuff that we have left behind.
- **Nothing remains for us to go back to.**
- Old **friends**, old **habits**, and all the familiar **places** have so changed that we do not have the **strength** or **desire** to retreat.
- We refuse to go back in fear unto such destruction.



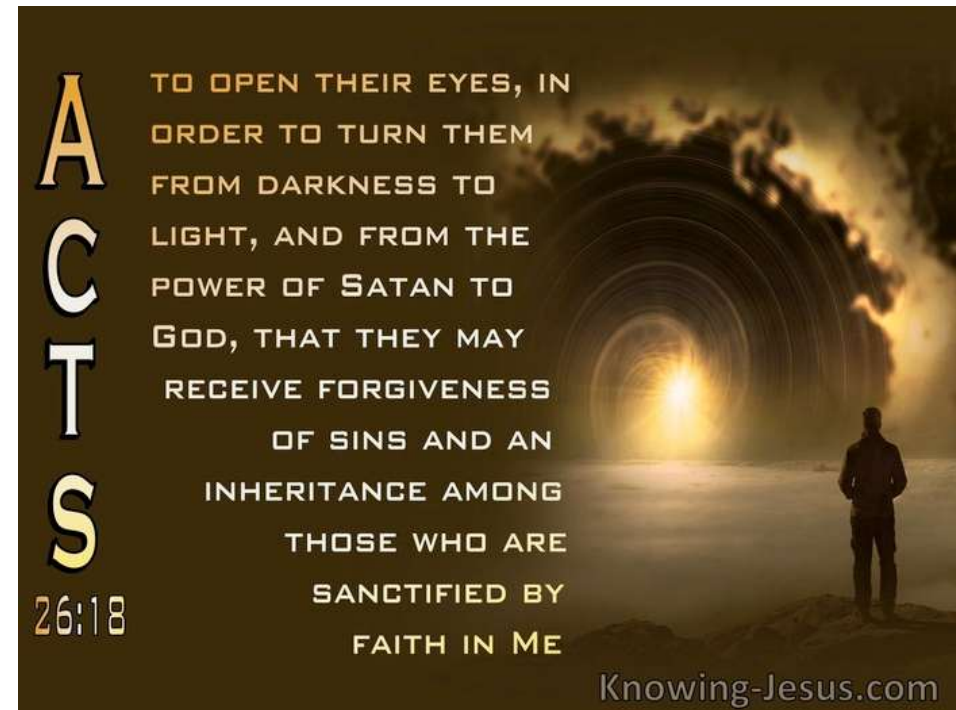
- We choose rather to **draw near to Him** with **full assurance** of faith.
 - Having therefore, brethren, **boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,**
 - By **a new and living way**, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;
 - And *having* an high priest over the house of God;
 - **Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith**, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.
 - Now the just shall live by faith: but **if *any man* draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.**
 - **But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.**
Hebrews 10:19-22, 38-39



- **Which side of the cloud are you living on?**
 - **Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Isaiah 5:20**
 - **And I will bring the blind by a way *that they knew not*; I will lead them in paths *that they have not known*: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight.** These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them. Isaiah 42:16
- The darkness of where we have been, the road of sin, was strewn with **death** and **disorder**, **folly** and **evil**.
- **Our present pathway** is marked by **life** and **order**, **wisdom**, and **goodness**.
- The **backside of the cloud that points to Egypt** is **crooked**, **distorted**, and **twisted**.
- The **front side of the cloud that leads to Zion** is **straight**, **just**, and **righteous**.



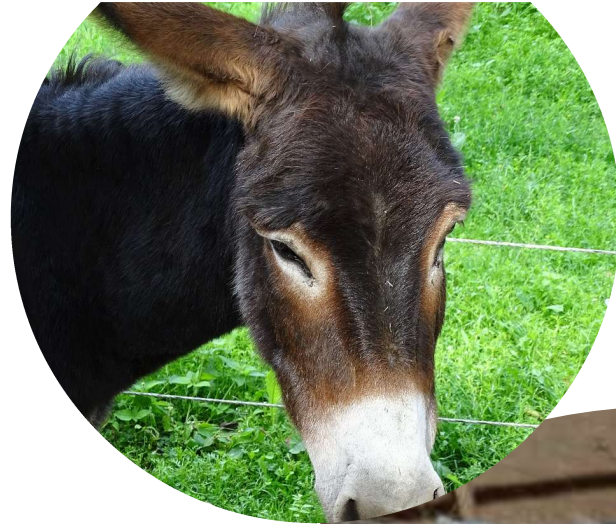
- Paul summed up this pattern by rehearsing his apostolic commission, given by Jesus Himself on the Damascus road.
 - **To open their eyes, and to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan unto God,** that they may receive **forgiveness** of sins, and **inheritance** among them which are **sanctified** by **faith** that is in me. Acts 26:18
- **Somebody has to get up while it is still dark out there.**
- **The cloud will lead us.**
- There are three compelling stories in the Bible that inspire us to arise while it is still shadowy and dusky, when everything is not always clear, and we do not have all the answers.



- These three settings powerfully demonstrate how to walk while it's still dark out there:
 - 1. **the four lepers** of Samaria (2 Kings 6-7)
 - 2. **the apostle Peter** walking on the water (Matthew 14; Mark 6)
 - 3. **Mary Magdalene** on resurrection morning (John 20).
- THE FOUR LEPERS
 - And there was a **great famine** in Samaria: and, behold, they besieged it, until an ass's head was *sold* for fourscore *pieces* of silver, and the fourth part of a cab of dove's dung for five *pieces* of silver. 2 Kings 6:25
 - And there were **four leprous men at the entering in of the gate**: and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die?
 - If we say, We will enter into the city, then **the famine is in the city**, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.
 - And **they rose up in the twilight**, to go unto the camp of the Syrians: and when they were come to the uttermost part of the camp of Syria, behold, *there was no man there*. 2 Kings 7:3-5



- There is a **spiritual famine** today “of **hearing the words** of the Lord”.
 - Behold, **the days come**, saith the Lord GOD, that **I will send a famine** in the land, **not a famine of bread**, nor a thirst for water, **but of hearing the words of the LORD**. Amos 8:11
- “Asses’ head” and “doves dung” represent **human wisdom** without God, and the futile longing for yesterday’s revival (representing all that is left of the Dove after He has flown away).
- **In our hunger, we are crying for more than revival.**
- **We must have reformation!**



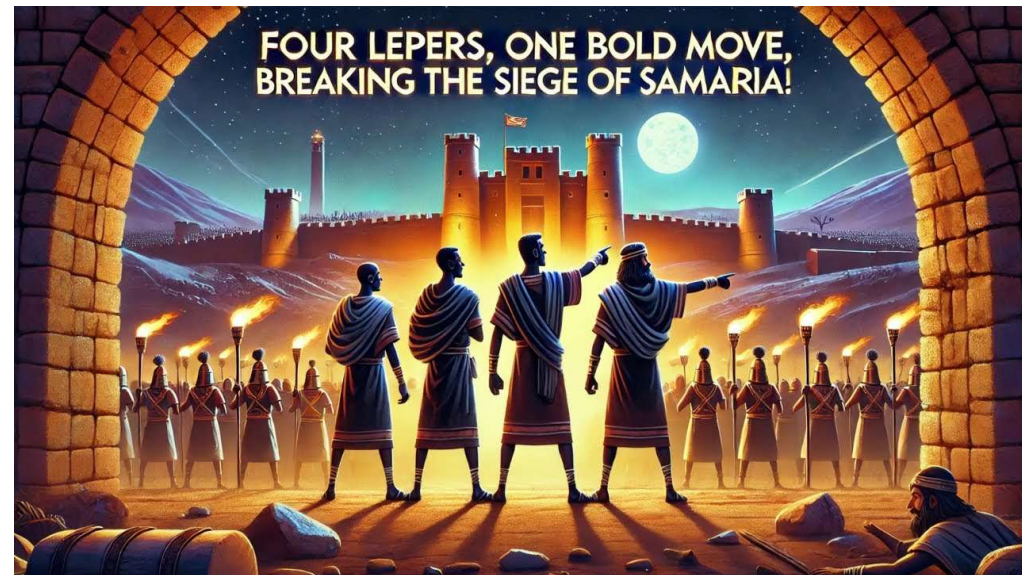
- The young prodigal son in the pigpen had **nothing to eat except yesterday's leftovers** – religious tradition.
- **The cloud has moved! The alarm has sounded.**
- The **prophets have declared that the famine** will be broken, **despite the unbelief** of palace pawns that cater to denomination kings.
- **“Tomorrow” has become today!**
- The four lepers **illustrate those who live “outside” of religion’s walled cities.**
- They represented those with a **dualistic mindset.**
- Their question, **“Why sit here until we die?”** reveals that they had **yet to understand the truth** that the **old Adamic man was crucified with Christ.**
- **Nonetheless**, they did what no one else had the courage to do.
- They **“rose up in the twilight (dusk) while it was still dark.”**



- The lepers reasoned, “If we go back to the city (Egypt- World), we will have to eat asses’ head and doves’ dung.
- Besides, all they do in that realm is fight, bite and devour one another.
- **Let’s arise while it is yet dark and walk toward the unknown.**
- Let’s dare to walk toward the Most Holy Place, **toward Zion** and the Feat of Tabernacles.
 - **For the Lord had made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots**, and a noise of horses, *even* the noise of a great host. 2 Kings 7:6



- Arise, you who are the outcasts of Israel!
- Again, it is not **how many of us there are**, but **how big a sound** that we are making!
- God made the enemy to **hear the “noise”** of chariots, horses, and **a great army!**
- **The Syrians fled for their lives!**
- **Fearless, outnumbered, hungry outsiders are arising in the twilight.**
- The evening mist matters little to us.
- We have heard the **Jubilee trumpet** in our hearts.



- That sure **sound** is getting **louder** and louder, and **clearer** and clearer!
- We have **forsaken** the monotonous fighting and **famine** of the **past**.
- We have **discovered** that up ahead there is **no enemy in the Holy of Holies**, just a **table spread**!
- We have **witnessed** and begun to taste the **evidence** of a **full provision**.
 - And **when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp**, they went into one tent, and did **eat** and **drink**, and carried thence **silver**, and **gold**, and **raiment**, and went and hid *it*; and came again, and entered into another tent, and carried thence *also*, and went and hid *it*.
 - Then they said one to another, **We do not well:** this day *is* a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household. 2 Kings 7:8-9



- The tendency of those who have known the message of the Kingdom of God has been to **keep these treasures for themselves**.
- Like John on resurrection morning, our understanding of the Kingdom has outrun all the others.
- But although we have looked into the empty tomb, we have yet to enter into the **reality of what we have seen by the Spirit**.
- Many have projected **themselves to be more than the Lord Jesus**.
 - For it pleased *the Father* **that in him should all fulness dwell**; Colossians 1:9
- Others have emphasized that their “**revelation**” of the Scriptures are singular, but **God is going to corporately manifest Jesus** in His body. (Romans 8:14-23)

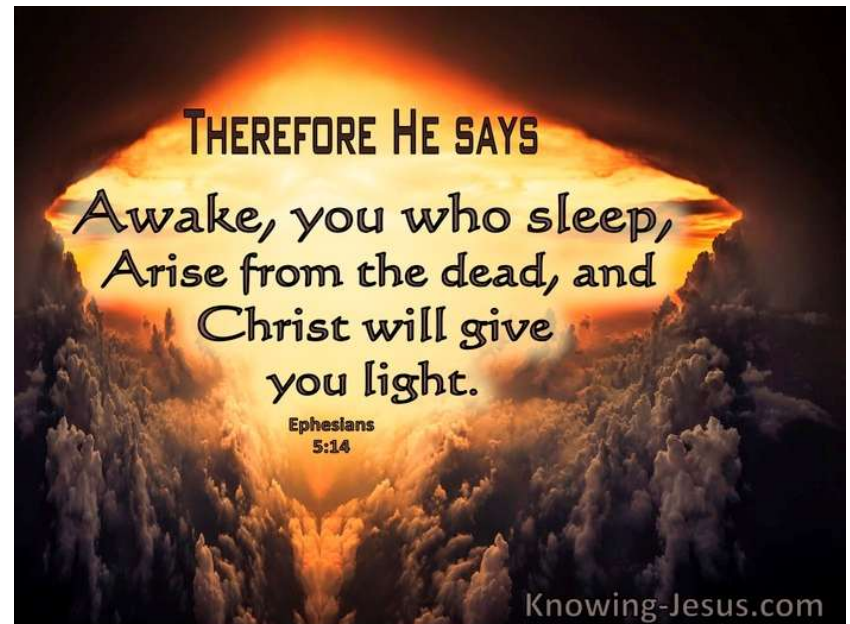
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Colossians 1:19



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- **You, too, can arise while it is yet dark.**
- Just over the brow of the hill of Zion, in the third dimension of **grace**, there is **plenty**.
- There is no enemy there.
- Sin has been defeated.
- All that awaits you is a lavish banquet, **the spoils of Jesus' eternal triumph in His finished work!**
- Lepers are getting up as **unbelief is about to be trampled in the gates of every religious city** as God's people **stampeded out of these religious strongholds** as they **rush toward the Feast of the Lord.**
- Arise in the dark and walk with confidence, **the light is WITHIN you.**
 - Wherefore he saith, **Awake** thou that **sleepest**, and **arise** from the **dead**, and **Christ shall give thee light.** Ephesians 5:14
 - The **eyes of your understanding being enlightened**; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints. Ephesians 1:18



- Our next example is of **Peter Walking on the Water**.
- After the feeding of the 5,000, **it was getting dark**.
- Jesus told the disciples to **take the boat to the other side**.
 - And straightway he constrained his disciples to get into the ship, and to **go to the other side** before unto Bethsaida, while he sent away the people. Mark 6:45
- **Jesus had retreated to the mountain to pray.**
- The disciples had been **rowing their boat to the point of exhaustion**.
 - But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.
 - And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.
 - And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.
 - But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.
 - And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.
 - And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. Matthew 14:24-29



- After nine hours, Peter began to mutter, “**Where is Jesus?**”
- They had gathered up twelve baskets (one for each disciples) of loaves and fish.
- **The miracle was sitting at their feet**, but they were blinded by the sweat of rowing and tiredness of the day.
- **When we focus on the darkness we become darkness.**
- Often many cry, “I can’t live this way. I can’t give this much.”
“**Where are you Jesus?**”
- But behind every excuse is a lack of desire.



- The Lord now brings a summons of the Spirit, “**Arise and get out of the boat. Walk on my Word!**”
- During the forth and final watch, Jesus went for a stroll on the billows of the water.
- When **He showed up that night in a form they had never seen**, they shrieked in fear.
- Only Peter had the courage to ask, “**Lord is that you? If so, bid me to come to You.**”
- Peter’s faith had been stirred by the revelation of who the Master really is.
- Jesus had said, “**It is I.**” This literally means, “**I AM**”.



- Peter said, “**IF**”.
- After all, **it was dark out there.**
- Peter knew the seas.
- **Jesus invited him to step out of the safe place and into that which was totally unprecedented.**
- I wonder what the others said as he slung a leg over the side of the boat.
- The **Master now comes and calls for you.**
- “But what if I sink Lord!”
- He will do for you what he did for Peter – **He “caught” him.**
 - **And immediately Jesus stretched forth *his* hand, and caught him.**
Matthew 14:31



- **Jesus will reach down from Zion and embrace you!**
- **We are always safe when He is near!**
 - **Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling**, and to present *you* faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,
 - To the only wise God our Saviour, *be* glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. Jude 1:24-25
- The **four lepers arose in the twilight.**
- **Peter** stepped out of the boat in the **middle of the night.**
- **Mary Magdalene** came to the tomb **“when it was yet dark”**
 - The first *day* of the week cometh **Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre,** and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. John 20:1



- Mary was not a prostitute as is assumed by some. The Bible does not say that.
- Mary had been delivered from “seven devils”, but hen every one of us has been delivered from the devil!
 - Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils. Luke 8:2
- **We were ALL completely under the dominion of the evil one.**
- **Yet Mary Magdalene was the woman who loved Jesus.**
- As He did with the disciples and Peter during the storm, **the Master appears in a form that Mary could not relate to.**
- You and I have come to that same place in God, the place of “unheard of” things.



- God is doing a “**new thing**”.
 - **Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, *and* rivers in the desert.**
Isaiah 43:19
- Only **courageous, faithful overcomers** will **follow after Him** now.
- **The others will remain** cloistered, hunkered down in their houses, in their ministries, and in their networks, afraid to behold the full reality of resurrection life.
- Many know Him as Rabboni (**Rabbi**) and **Master** (teacher).
- But only those apprehended for the Kingdom will address Him as “**sir**”.
 - Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, **Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.** John 20:15



- The word, “**Sir**” means “supreme in authority, the owner, **the one who has control.**”

It simply means, “Lord”. Hallelujah! Our King is alive!

- The **four lepers**, then **Peter**, and then **Mary Magdalene...**

Each arose in the twilight, while it was STILL DARK

- These men and women were not afraid to venture into the unknown, the place that requires a compass, not a map.
- **Awake, O Zion!**
- **Our season has come to step out while it is STILL DARK.**

- All we have now is **His Word**.
- We must return to the **pure unadulterated Word** and **the High Calling**!
- We are the **trailblazers**!
- We are the **remnant**, the **firstfruits** unto God and to the Lamb!
 - These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. **These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, *being* the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.** Revelation 14:4
- **Our compass is Christ.**
- We are guided by **His Word** and **Spirit**.



- **Be determined.**
- It's **DARK OUT THERE.**
- **We don't have all the answers.**
- But the people of Zion are **awakening with a new faith!**
- **There is no other way but to go all the way!**
- **Renew your mind** daily with the **Word!**
- **Commit to the unknown.**
- **Walk boldly!**
- Walk courageously, **for YOU are ONE AMONG a THOUSAND!**
 - A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the LORD will hasten it in his time. Isaiah 60:22



Worship With Me

**Lord, shine through me.
Let Your light be seen in my life.
Let Your glory rise upon me.
Let nations see Your light through me.
May every dark place around you
encounter the light of Christ.
May your life become a testimony of
His glory.
May His presence shine through your
words, your actions, and your story.**

