



WATCHMAN'S TRUMPET



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FROM THE MISSION DIRECTOR

Hello,
I welcome you to this new month and present to you April 2021 edition of — Watchman's Trumpet. This month, our theme is "Jesus, the Light of the World"

Our lead story is about how Jesus illuminated the darkness of sin in the life of an adulterous woman and delivered her from the death penalty. She was brought by the Scribes and Pharisees to Jesus to be judged. They claimed that they caught her in the very act. Moses' law commanded that such should be stoned to death. They wanted to know what Jesus thinks. John the evangelist commented that it was not as if they cared about the woman or the law. It was all a set up to see if there was anything they could hold against Jesus that could justify their plans to put Him to death.

Jesus told them that any of them without sin should cast the first stone, quoting Deuteronomy 17:7. They all left one by one being convicted by their own consciences. When Jesus rose up, the woman was alone. The Lord asks where her accusers are; whether none of them condemned her. When she replied that none did, Jesus stated that He himself did not condemn her but that she should go and sin no more. Jesus' final comment on the matter is "... 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 Lord's audience who witnessed all that happened could connect with this. They have just witnessed a woman walking in darkness come into a memorable encounter with Christ. The darkness of sin, guilt, shame and death that overshadowed her vanished. She departed delivered, set free and walking in the glorious liberty of the Son of God. This same opportunity the Lord is offering every reader today. He is "the dayspring from on high" that came visiting our world to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace Luke 1:79.

My prayer as you read this edition of Watchman's Trumpet is that every area of your life will be illuminated in Jesus name! AMEN. Welcome!

JESUS' COURT – PART ONE

Beaming light on corrupt life and dirty consciences

"And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them. And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, they say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses in the law commanded



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us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou? This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not". John 2:1-6

These references described a judicial process which took place in the outer court of the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem. A woman caught in adultery was brought to Jesus by scribes and Pharisees, to be condemned and sentenced according to the Law of Moses. Moses' law prescribed the death penalty. What will Jesus have them do?

This story represents a typical court proceeding in secular world. We found in it four groups of people - (i) *The learning audience who came to Jesus to learn at his feet.* (ii) *The biased prosecutors* - scribes and Pharisees a.k.a. the accusers, who accused the woman before Christ and according to their report watched the woman committing adultery and insisted that the law must take its course (iii) *The defenseless accused* - she had nothing to say and actually felt guilty as charged. She must be shivering as she waited for her Judge's verdict. (iv) *The righteous compassionate Judge* - that is Jesus

Righteousness demanded that the law be followed to the letter, compassion necessitated a second chance.

We shall examine the roles played by each of these in detail one after the other:

1. **The learning audience** - These were already in the Temple court before the accusers came with their culprit. Actually, the opening of the court proceeding was an interruption of Jesus' teaching class. To us who are expected to model our lives after Christ, everything Jesus taught or did is important. That is what the name we bare "Christian" suggests. Are you like Christ? Do you model Christ in all that you do or say?

2. **The biased prosecutors** - were Scribes and Pharisees. Their coming to Jesus was highly dramatic, distracting and discourteous. Jesus sat in front of a crowd; surrounded by some of them whom He taught. They hauled the woman into their midst and positioned her in the center of the gathering facing Jesus while everyone watched. His response taught us that when people come around us whose only aim is to discredit and tempt us to sin or do wrong, we should be quick to listen but slow to speak.

These people were reputed teachers of the law and at times serves as judges themselves in similar matters. The majority of those in Jewish ruling council, the Sanhedrin at that time are Scribes and Pharisees. What evidence of biases do we find in their presentation? : - They claimed they caught the woman in the very act. Moses' law demanded that the same sentence be passed on both the adulterer and the adulteress; the question is: *where is the man, where is her sin-partner?*

If they catch the woman red-handed as they claimed and saw the woman's nudity as she committed the act, what went through their minds in that brief moment or did they gather their evidence without scrutinizing the crime scene?

If in the process of evidence gathering any of them became polluted by lusts in their hearts, Jesus' rule is that they are as guilty as

the woman (Mathew 5:28). They are heart adulterers trying to prosecute physical adulteress, Joseph was wiser than them. Jesus knew their hearts. He knew the hearts of all men; He knew our hearts.

When you criticize and condemn others for what you do in secret; Jesus knows your heart. The interesting thing is that the person who will judge you knows all about you. Hebrews 4:13. Jesus knows your home address.

The fact is that the trial was a cover up. They are not after the woman or Moses' law; they are looking for a wrong word or statement from Christ to give as excuse to execute their murder plans. They are not only biased, they are hypocrites.

3. **Jesus the righteous but compassionate Judge** - Jesus took His time to fetch an answer appropriate for their question about what should be done to the adulterous woman; The question is whether they should obey Moses' law and stone the woman to death or not. In which case, His saying "Yes" or "No" has implication. He may in those quiet moments be praying to God for an appropriate response. He commented in John 5:30, 8:15-16 that He stands united with God the Father in His Judgment. Thus it can never and will never be faulted. Jesus is our perfect example. In taking crucial decisions in life, we must have the mind of Christ, seek divine guidance like Him; work and walk in partnership with the Holy Spirit.

In the end, the Lord neither said "Yes" or "No". He told them that it is in their hands, let the one who caught her and claim to witness her committing the crime confirm it by casting the first stone Deuteronomy 17:5-7.

But let him first examine his heart whether he is guilty of the same, guilty of similar crime or not. If as required by the law they must take her life, so be it; but first they must listen to their own conscience and be sure they are guiltless because he who



come to equity must come with clean hands. If their consciences witness within them that they are equally guilty, then they deserve the death penalty too. The wages of sin is death Romans 6:23. No one sin is greater than the other James 2:10-11. But if they have not been sentenced for sinning against God or was given another chance by Him, the woman too deserved another chance.

Jesus who is God incarnate takes no delight in the death of the wicked. Rather He wanted the wicked to turn from his way and live Ezekiel 33:11, 18:32. We must give ourselves another chance. We must be willing to extend the same to others who hurt us or do wrong against us.

4. **The defenseless accused** - The woman's experience in this court, her humiliation and shame including the death sentence hanging on her neck revealed clearly that sins and sinning have consequences. The Bible warned clearly that a damnable end lies ahead for those who continue to live in sin and shun the call to repentance. God frowns at sins, most especially the sin of adultery.

Even though her accusers and prosecutors are not qualified to prosecute the case that does not undermine the gravity of what she had done. Hence, the law insisted that the adulterer and adulteress should be put to death.

Adultery has social, spiritual, moral and eternal implications. There are varying degree of psychological, emotional, spiritual, and social connection and bonding with those that people commit adultery with that leaves permanent mark on their prospects in life, consciences and destiny 1 Corinthians 6:13-18. "*Flee from sexual immorality*" 1 Corinthians 6:18.

The mercy of God shines forth and His compassion towards this woman was revealed by the fact that they had not stone her to death before she got to Christ. Like this woman I believe God's mercy is reaching out to someone reading right now; repent!





ABOUT WATCHMAN OUTREACH MISSION

Watchman Outreach Mission as envisioned fundamentally comprises of men and women of faith who watch over one another and together watch for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Next to this primary assignment is an equally important responsibility of bringing others into the same state of watchfulness and readiness as the coming of the Lord draws near. Ours is a trans-ministerial, trans-denominational mission. Our core values include expository teaching, prayer and counselling. We train in principles and practice of Christian discipleship and equip for effective Kingdom Service.

The Lord Jesus Christ in one of His parables said “*While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept*” **Mathew 25:5**. Watchman Outreach Mission is a response of faith to this and similar warnings about events in the last days. Our response is based on the premise that prophecies, visions and revelations about the future such as the one documented in the Lord’s parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins are sign-posts by which men are warned to keep vigil to avoid disastrous end. We serve to wake up the church and men everywhere to remain alert and watch for the Lord’s return.

The Mission, based in Ibadan, Nigeria, was launched in 2009 and its maiden outing took place on the 20th November of the same year. On that day, we partnered with All Nations Evangelical Ministry (ANEM), Akobo, Ibadan for Evangelistic and Medical Mission Outreach to Idi - Ose Village on Arulogun - Olorunda Road in Lagelu Local Government, Ibadan.

In the years that followed we networked with churches and other Christian groups too to implement our mandate which include conducting gospel outreaches, discipleship training for new converts, organizing and facilitating workers and ministerial training, conducting administrative reviews in churches and ministries, writing of proposals for reforms and church growth strategies that can enhance social cohesion, improve church finances and foster overall development, unity and growth of such ministries; monitoring and/or supervision of the implementation of such reforms and strategies.

Some of these Christian groups and ministries include with Christ Apostolic Church, Oke - Ife in Ajangboju, Ibadan, Nigerian Military Christian Fellowship, Adekunle Fajuyi Cantonment Chapter in Oyo - State Nigeria, Christ Gospel Mission International, Light of Jesus Evangelistic Ministry with branches in different cities in South Western Nigeria, and Ark of Salvation Church of Christ (ASCC) with headquarters at Molade, Monatan Ibadan.

Till date, although partnered ministries change from time to time depending on the leading we receive from the Lord, we remain committed to our main purpose and vision; that of service to the church and in the world to wake up men everywhere and encourage them to remain alert and watch for the Lord’s return. Through our activities, souls had been saved, believers edified and church workers’ spiritual growth and development enhanced, all to the glory of God.

WATCHMAN PRAYER HOUR



Prayer Points - For April 2021

1. Divine visitation by the dayspring from “on high”
2. Deliverance from the powers, works and agents of darkness
3. Deliverance for our family members, our businesses, our projects, our hopes and aspirations
4. Lives flooded with divine light
5. Lives filled with life, energy, power truth, warmth, love, hope of glory and transformation from day to day
6. An end to the reign of darkness in the lives of those around us and the world of our time
7. Our light to shine and darkness not subdue or overthrow our light.
8. Enjoyment of more of Christ’s presence, power, love, word, name, Spirit, and grace
9. Our lives to be sources of blessings to those we live and work with.
10. Multitude to be converted to Christ through us

“..... men ought always to pray, and not to faint;” Luke 18:1

May the Lord hear and answer all our prayers - AMEN!

Watchman Prayer Hour holds every Saturday from 10.30am - 12.00MD. We invite you to join us at our office in 78/80 Nepa (IBEDC) Building, Opposite U.I. Second Gate, Ibadan . Oyo - State. You can also follow us live on any of our Social media platforms during the prayer session and send inquiries or prayer requests to any of our digital addresses.

For more info on the Mission, log on to: www.watchmanoutreachmission.org

**JESUS' COURT -
PART TWO
THE POSSIBILITY OF A
SECOND CHANCE**

"So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her...When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more". John 8:7-11

The accusers or prosecutors of the adulterous woman never waited for the final word from the Judge and thus they lost out in the blessings He would have conferred on them. Every word of God (of Christ) is profitable. After the accusers of this woman unceremoniously dismissed themselves from the court and left one by one beginning from the eldest to the last, and Jesus confirmed from the woman that none of them remained to condemn her Jesus said **"Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more"** John 8:11. It is a new day; a day of amnesty and pardon, a day of coming back to life from the grave and from the fringes of eternal damnation and torment; from the verge of infernal Hell. What a great day! Have you ever experienced such a day?

O what a wonderful, wonderful day

Day I would never forget

After I'd wandered in darkness away

Jesus, my saviour I met ...

God is a God of second chance. He loved mankind so much that He never wanted anyone to perish. He wanted ALL to come to the knowledge of the truth and be saved 1Timothy 2:1-4. Jesus through the word of power, wisdom and authority broke the woman's yoke and lifted her burden.

Just one sentence was sufficient and her accusers vanished. Satan is the accusers of the brethren. Everyone hauling unfounded and unsubstantiated accusations at brethren or ministers of God is his agent and running his errand. Jesus stated that the devil is their father John 8:44, 1John 3:8; the father of slanderers, backbiters, liars and false accusers. What God's people owe one another is the ministry of love and service, not the ministry of accusation. We are to in love serve one another. Love covers multitude of sins. Galatians 6:1.

Jesus gave the woman another chance. He told her to go and sin no more. She was to quit her sin of adultery and any other sin in her life. She was to go on from there to live honest and dignified life. She was to forsake all sins. It does no one any good to quit one sin and be yoked to another James 2:10.

Jesus' declaration or proclamation of amnesty in this woman's case revealed that we must give ourselves another chance. Sometimes God has forgiven someone but he/she finds it difficult to forgive himself or herself. Sometimes a person has settled with God and has been cleansed of all faults and sins but the world, people around him or among whom he lives and work or church members cannot forget that he is *"Simon, the leper"*. They make the sins or reproach of his past his appellation.

We who have obtained mercy must be willing to extend the same to others. In quarrels, hurts, misunderstanding or frictions in relationship, we must be willing to give people a second chance. That is what Christ wanted. That is what He would do. If we truly belong to Him, His mind in us will make us want to do the same. Break the ice today, go find someone with whom you have misunderstanding and settle. Send the SMS, place the call, and take the initiative. It could change your life and destiny.

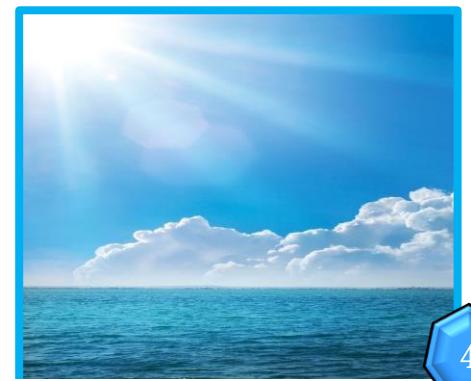
Remember, the return of peace to your heart is evidence, a witness of the Spirit within you that God has forgiven the sin(s) that you confessed to Him. Remember also that the words of Christ are convicting, correcting, converting words not words of condemnation. God's mercies are renewed every day. They are new every morning. Lamentation 3:21-23

Jesus is a righteous judge who does not excuse sin, indulge people to live in sin or undermine the integrity and efficacy of the word of God. His mediatory role qualified Him not only to be our savior but also the judge of those who neglect or reject His offer of salvation.

We learn from this account the power of the word of God and of Christ. Christ settled the matter by quoting the scripture Deuteronomy 17:7. It revealed clearly that the word God has power to deliver and to save. The word of God has power to convict men and give them a change of heart, of mind, of direction and purpose when and if such purpose or line of action is injurious to other men.

The accuser of this woman left one by one, beginning from the eldest to the last. Every man who ever lived will one day appear the judgment seat of Christ to give account to Him of what we have done while living *"in the body"* whether good or bad. On that day, will you be condemned or justified?

Whether these self-appointed prosecutors in Jesus' court who left with conviction and guilty consciences eventually pray and became converted or not, we did not know. One thing we know was that a woman led to be stoned to death got her life back; the hangman's noose around her neck was loosed, her yoke was broken because of the anointing in the word of Jesus. She went home rejoicing and the host of heaven rejoiced with her. There is joy in heaven over one sinner who repents John 15:7, 12. Those reaching sinners for Christ and turning them to the way of life and salvation are making heaven to rejoice. Repent from your own sins if you haven't. Then reach out to others.



**JESUS' COURT –
PART THREE
THE CONDITIONAL
RELEASE**

“When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.” John 8:10-11

Jesus' parting word to the accused woman who suddenly found freedom when her prosecutors disappeared one by one is that she should **'go and sin no more'**. Jesus told another man the same thing in more detailed form in John 5:14 **“... Behold, thou art made whole; sin no more, lest a worst thing come unto thee”** Jesus would tell any sinner or a backslider who got a second chance from Him the same thing today.

In spite of several unnecessary arguments for and against the possibility of freedom from sin among Christians or church goers, it is clear that freedom from sin and walk in holiness is God's perfect will for all who follow Christ. It is the chief goal of scripture search, study and reading 2 Timothy 3:15, 16, The word of God is and ought to be a perfecting agent for both ministers and members Psalms 119:1, 9, 11. Helping church members to attain, and retain freedom from sin and walk in holiness is the leading ministerial responsibility Ephesians 4:12, 13. *“He gave some, apostles, and some prophets; and some, evangelists; and some pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints.....”* On the authority of this word of God, we should ask those in church who did not want to be

perfected why they are in church; we should also ask minister who lead services and churches who are not interested in making their followers better citizens in God's kingdom and in their fellowship, church or denomination why they are in the ministry.

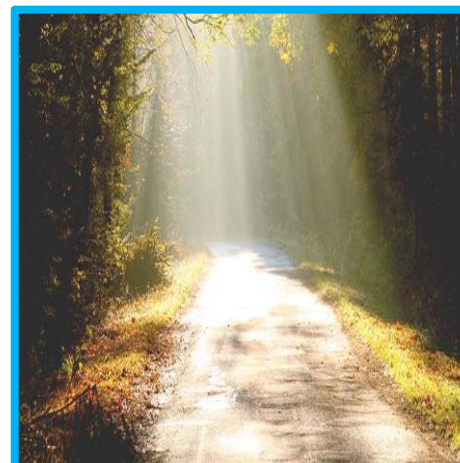
Freedom from sin is not only commanded, it is possible. First, Jesus will never command anyone to do things impossible for him to do. Secondly, we all confess that with God all things are possible. Thirdly, historical accounts and Bible record clearly revealed that others had walked with God in freedom from sins and in holiness while on earth. Examples include Noah, Samuel, Daniel, Zechariah and Elizabeth; and Paul the apostle. If they did, we can. The same God that helped them is our God. The same grace He made available to them is still available today. Titus 2:11-14. Luke 1:74-75 described what should be believers' preoccupation after repentance and salvation. We are to seek God's grace to *“..... serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our lives”*.



God did not save or heal us so we can use our newly found life and health we received from Him to serve the devil or run his errand. We are delivered from our enemies and all who hate us to serve Him in righteousness and holiness all the days of our lives and for the rest of our lives. That is what we should do. God will assist us to do so. AMEN!

After the court dismissed, Jesus returned to the audience, to His class interrupted by the Pharisees to continue His teaching. The first statement He made is *“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 Lord's audience could connect with this. They have just witnessed a woman walking in darkness come into a memorable encounter with Christ. The darkness of sin, guilt, shame and death that overshadowed her vanished. She departed delivered, set free and walking in the glorious liberty of the Son of God. The voice of God is presently reaching out to all who presently walk in darkness of sins or any other form of darkness: *“Awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light”* Ephesians 5:14. Come to Jesus the Light of the world today!



VISIT OF THE DAYSPRING FROM "ON HIGH"

"When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more". 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 8:10-12**

*"And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins, Through the tender mercy of our God; **whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us**, To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace".* **Luke 1:76-79**

In the above reference, Zacharias called Jesus the "Dayspring from on High" who comes visiting those in darkness and shadow of death. He came to guide our feet into the way of peace. This was what happened to the adulterous woman; the main focus of our magazine this month. Other Bible translations used the word "Sunrise" or "Rising Sun" instead of "Dayspring" in Luke 1:78. These words described what Jesus is to the world. Originally, Zacharias words about "sitting in darkness and shadows of death" gives the impression of a traveler overtaken by darkness of nightfall before reaching the place of safety or that of a prisoner in a dark dungeon awaiting execution. Daybreak to the first and amnesty to the second is a welcome development that brings joy, hope and the privilege of a new beginning. This is what the coming of Christ did to the world. He brought light to

those in the region of darkness and shadows of death Mathew 4:12-17. Light glows, light shine, light reveals that which is hidden, light repels darkness. Light chases darkness away; so does Jesus in the life, home and community or nation of those who receives Him and for as long as He remains with them John 9:5. Jesus still wanted to visit people today. He told the Laodicea church ".... I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to Him and will sup with Him and He with me" Revelation 3:20.

A new dawn of great potentials and possibilities begins in the life of those who receive Jesus into their lives and hand over every situation they face to Him. It can happen today and it will happen in Jesus Name!

We shall consider three subtopics:

1. The emergence of Dayspring or Sunrise on earth
2. The beauty and glory of illuminated lives
3. The responsibility of illuminating others



1. The emergence of Dayspring or Sunrise on earth

"For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising".

Isaiah 60:2-3

"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." 2 Timothy 1:9-10

The fall of Adam plunged the world into darkness. Sin curses, diseases, deceit, diabolical characters and imaginations, distress and death reigned unchecked in the life of majority in the world before Jesus came. Death sentence hangs on all mankind on account of sin, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God Romans 3:23; and the wages of sin is death Romans 6:23. Satan, because of sin, exercise control over men with consequent oppression, harassment, and intimidation 1John 3:8. He makes use of fear especially fear of death to handicap man, limits his potential and ability to achieve the best that God ordained for him Hebrews 2:14-15.

Like the morning light and rising sun crowns the earth and brighten everything upon which it shines, making the world around us come alive at the end of a dark night, Jesus came visiting this world and changed the gloominess of it to glow and glory. Jesus brought light and life, energy, power truth, warmth, love, hope of glory and transformation into the life of those who receive Him. Converted Gentiles abandoned their idols and superstitions. Those who use curious arts and magic confessed and show their deeds. An entire city like Samaria gained freedom from bewitchments by the likes of Simon the sorcerer.

"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:"
Matthew 5:14-16.

The coming of Christ fulfilled Old Testament prophecies that he Lord Himself shall rise up like a sun; the Sun of Righteousness to heal, save and deliver His oppressed people. Isaiah 9:2, 60:2, Malachi 4:2. Jesus is the true light, the light that chases darkness away. He is the one ordained by God to remove the shadows of darkness that threatened the peace of mind and survival of invaded lives. He is the rising sun that turns every adversity around, Let Him do it in your life today.

2. The Beauty and Glory of illuminated lives

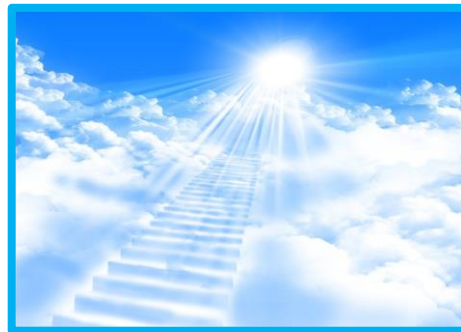
“While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light” John 12:36a

“Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a 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”. Mathew 5:14-16

Jesus came as a deliverer. He came as our guide. His presence, power, love, word, Name, Spirit, and grace confers enduring peace; peace with God, peace in our hearts, peace with our fellowmen, peace about our past, peaceful, peace-loving and peaceable life in the present and a guarantee of peace in the future both on earth and eventually in heaven. The scarcest commodity we need in the world today is peace. We only need to listen to the news or open the pages of newspapers to confirm this. It is an indication that Jesus is whom we need today more than anything else. When men come to Him, believe in Him, receive Him as their friend, accept His lordship, enlist into His service, maintain constant continuous relationship with and obey His word everything around them that seems odd and out of place begins to find their level.

Notorious and injurious criminals

become gentle lambs. Oppression, robbery, human sacrifice, infanticide, banditry, cultism, marital infidelity and drunkenness begin to reduce in a community as those who practice them turn to Christ. Men begin to live honestly. They are more than eager to reconcile with those they have injured or hurt. Submission to Christ gives us a better world. Jesus is more of what we need today. We need more of His presence, power, love, word, Name, Spirit, and grace. If we invite Him today, He will visit us and accomplish these things in our lives.



3. The responsibility of illuminating others

“But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, 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 26:16-18

Those who has been saved and delivered from darkness and the works of darkness have work to do. We are saved to serve. The Lord Himself calls believers the light of the world. What He is, He wanted us to be. He expects that our interaction and relationship with others will leave them better not worst. By the Lord's mandate and the Great Commission, we have the responsibility of spending the rest of our lives illuminating others and helping to guide their feet in the path of peace. It is the only thing, if we do, that will make the world to know that Jesus is alive. He is here.

Believers, most especially ministers are light bearers. We are to light up and brighten the world around us where we live and work - by attachment, commitment and dedication to the promotion of good morals and good works. Churches, denominations, mission agencies and fellowship exist for the purpose of making life better and worth living. We are to illuminate the world of communities, homes and nations in which we live and work. If this is not happening, it may be because the light bearers hid their lights or are giving in to seduction by forces of darkness and night. It may also be because we are getting distracted and becoming preoccupied with things of the world and things that confer no real lasting eternal value. Arise and shine today! Let the glory of the Lord rise upon you.

Jesus is the sunrise from on high, from God. The literal sun was designed to bring hope, help and fruitfulness to our lives, and rescue us from utter darkness. Life on earth will cease without the sun. We cannot and do not want to live without the sun; neither can we live without Jesus Christ. Invite Jesus Christ into your life today and hand over every situation and difficulty confronting you into His hands.

Jesus is the Light of the world; come to Him, believe in Him, receive Him as your friend, accept His lordship, enlist into His service, maintain constant continuous relationship with Him and obey His word. Your life will never be the same again.

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Charles Grandison Finney was born on Aug. 29, 1792, in Warren, Conn.; his family moved to Oneida County, N.Y., about 1794. A self-assured young man, he decided after high school not to attend college. For several years he taught school in New Jersey, but his family finally persuaded him to return to western New York to study law.

In the autumn of 1821. At age twenty-nine, a student of the law in Adams, New York, Finney was saved. Finney's interest in religion before this time was only perfunctory, because he found orthodox Calvinism unpalatable. Thus his route to a religious "*awakening*" was outside the institutional church. Observing that legal decisions often quoted Scripture, he began to read the Bible. He became concerned as to how man could achieve salvation, finally concluding that, instead of waiting upon God's regenerative spirit, any man could exert himself to give up sin and accept Jesus as a redeemer. In 1821 he had a mystical experience in which he believed he stood face to face with Jesus. From this time he devoted his energies to preaching revivals. He was licensed as a Presbyterian minister in 1824.

Finney was a masterful pulpit orator. He addressed the audience as sinners and prayed for them by name. He prolonged his meetings until early morning and even carried his ministry into the factories. Only his success at winning converts persuaded more orthodox clergymen to condone his techniques.

To reach as many souls as possible, Finney employed what came to be called "*new measures*", although many had been used by earlier preachers. These new measures triggered alarm among conservative clergy. Opponents such as Asahel Nettleton were able to list as many as twenty-nine objectionable practices, but the most controversial were: public praying of women in mixed-sex audiences, daily services over a series of days, use of colloquial

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language by the preacher, the "*anxious bench*", praying for people by name, and immediate church membership for converts.

In his Lectures on Revivals of Religion, delivered to his New York congregation in 1834 and published in book form the following year, Charles Finney takes pains to define a revival. Above all, it is not a miracle in the sense of a physical change brought on solely by God, but a change of mind which, though influenced by the Holy Spirit, is ultimately a matter of the individual's free will.

Finney was soon at odds with conservative clergy. The new measures used by Finney and his followers caused enough alarm among their more orthodox colleagues to be the subject of a convention held at New Lebanon, NY in July, 1827.

In the years following, Finney's ministry moved from small town to big city; he went on to preach in Philadelphia, Boston, and New York. In 1835 he began work in Oberlin College and Theological Seminary. He was President of Oberlin College from 1851 to 1866 and although he retired in 1872, Finney kept up his involvement with Oberlin's students until his death in August of 1875.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

"Because of the loving mercies of our God, by which the dawn from heaven has come to us, To give light to those in dark places, and in the shade of death, so that our feet may be guided into the way of peace."
LUKE 1: 78-79(BBE)

SONG OF THE MONTH

JESUS, THOU ART HEAVEN'S DAYSPRING

1. Jesus, Thou Art Heaven's Dayspring
Jesus, Thou art Heaven's Dayspring,
Like a sunrise was Thy birth;
Light and life to all men bringing,
Shining hope o'er all the earth;
Long had sinners groped in blindness,
Pining for the light of day;
God did visit us with kindness;
Thou wast born to light our way.
2. Jesus, born as Heaven's Dayspring,
Thou wast gracious, coming thus;
Clad in flesh for priestly mercy,
Thou as Man didst come to us;
Human temptings, human crying,
Pain and sorrow Thou didst know;
And, alas, Thou, in Thy dying,
E'en to depths of Hell didst go.
3. But, with blaze of noonday splendor
Thou didst spring to life again;
Thou to death its death didst render;
Conquered all the sting of sin.
Rose on high to rule from Heaven,
Took the throne that e'er was Thine
And the Spirit Thou hast given,
Thro' the church Thy light to shine.
4. Soon Thou shalt return in glory,
Take Thy saints to reign with Thee;
We shall shine as stars before Thee.
Round the radiant crystal sea;
Wrath in Hell did once await us,
Thou our Dayspring didst appear;
Heirs of Heaven Thou hast made us;
We shall shine forever there.

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