



## The Time Is Now, Preach the WORD (2Tim. 4:2-3)

### A Dimming World 05-30-2021

IDEA	PICTURE	IMAGE
If you have but your <b>LIGHT</b> is becoming dim  Consider...	... <b>Ps18:28</b> For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.	Invite God to <b>LIGHT/RE-LIGHT</b> your wick
That you may blaze bright	Put the spotlight on darkness	This <b>WORLD</b> truly needs <b>LIGHT</b>
<i>This is our time to shine</i>	Our time to draw attention to God	The dimmer the world, the brighter we look
Glow, burn, blaze, illuminate, shine	No time for fading, flickering, or going out	<i>It is our time to shine...</i>
Every candle is needed  Consider the power of unity	What might happen if my little <b>LIGHT</b> is combined w/ yours?	1 candle can light room; 100's an auditorium; & M's the world
While others operate in darkness - lie, cheat, steal, kill, hate, profane, ...	We don't have time for that	Let us be too busy shining for God
I encourage you to remember  The LORD = Light, Salvation, Strength	W/ the confidence this stirs in you	<b>SHINE</b> my Beloved in our <b>DIMMING WORLD</b>
Let us close by singing a familiar song	This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine (X3)  Let it shine (X3)	"Everywhere I go, I'm going to let it shine." (X3)  Let it shine (X3)



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The “ <b>Or</b> ” Pure Light created the world	The “ <b>Phos</b> ”, Believer’s light is to glorify God ...	... in the world
Jesus said, <b>Matthew 5:16</b> Let your light so shine before men, that they may see ...	... your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.	Thus our light is reflected in our works, to glorify G
The good we do, captures the attention of others	In <b>A DIMMING WORLD</b> we must pierce the darkness	w/ God’s: Light; Word; love; ...
Thank you David - reminding us the LORD is our light	When dimming or fearful moments arise	Let me give you 1 more e.g.,
E.g.: A lit candle placed in a well-lit room is barely noticeable	But begin turning down the room’s light	The candle flame becomes more pronounced
Likewise, in <b>A DIMMING WORLD</b>	Our light becomes more noticeable	If we don’t hide it under a bushel
But too often, folk hide their light for fear	Withhold their witness for comfort	But this world needs <b>LIGHT</b>
So, shine my brothers and sisters	Shine for God	So others may take notice
Glorify God for the <b>LIGHT</b> He provides	Exalt Him through the works you perform	Shine my beloved, shine!
Without God’s <b>LIGHT</b> , we cower & die in darkness	His <b>LIGHT</b> illuminates heaven w/o star/sun	I love that <b>LIGHT</b>
I need that <b>LIGHT</b>	I desire to walk in that <b>LIGHT</b>	I shudder to think of living w/o that <b>LIGHT</b>
That <b>scares me more</b> than illness, attack, violence, ...	I’d rather abide in God’s <b>LIGHT</b>	I want His <b>LIGHT</b> & must reflect it
I’m tired of stubbing my toe in darkness	Rather avoid the pain of wandering in darkness	I can’t turn back from His <b>LIGHT</b>
THE LORD is my <b>LIGHT</b> and my SALVATION...	If you have not accepted that <b>LIGHT</b>	Do so today!!!



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Next David declared in <b>v. 1</b> , The LORD is the <b>STRENGTH</b> of my life	<b>STRENGTH</b> - same Heb. Word also =	fortress, fort, hold, rock, place or means of safety
After declaring the LORD is his <b>STRENGTH</b> ,	David asked another rhetorical question?	Of whom shall I be afraid
Contrast:  • <b>FEAR</b> (yare') [ <b>yaw•rā'</b> ] = to dread	• <b>AFRAID</b> (pachad) [ <b>paw•kkad</b> ] = be in awe or afraid	No need to be terrorized if God is your <b>STRENGTH</b>
Contrast this w/ <b>Psalm 118:6 (KJV 1900)</b> The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: What can man do unto me?	Sounds like <b>Romans 8:31 (KJV 1900)</b> What shall we then say to these things? If God ...	... be for us, who can be against us?
Belief in the LORD as <b>LIGHT</b> , <b>SALVATION</b> , and <b>STRENGTH</b>	→ is the remedy for the looming DARKNESS	Now permit me to revisit " <b>LIGHT</b> "
Remember, Jesus is that pure <b>LIGHT</b>	In a <b>DIMMING WORLD</b> , He has always been, is always, will always be	That <b>LIGHT</b> of men, women, & children
Listen to this <b>simple illustration</b> of <b>LIGHT</b>	I <b>didn't want to wake</b> anyone at night on trip to bathroom	Kept lights off, and occasionally <b>stubbed toe</b> on leg of bed
<b>If</b> only the <b>room</b> was <b>lit</b> , I could have <b>avoided</b> the <b>pain</b>	Likewise in life, if stay in the <b>LIGHT</b> of Christ	We can avoid some painful mishaps
+ You will experience less pain in His <b>LIGHT</b> than when walking in Darkness	Now consider what the <b>PURE LIGHT</b>	Jesus said to the Believer
<b>Matthew 5:14a</b> <b>Ye are the light of the world...</b>	Let us contrast the Light we are to be	Vs. the <b>LIGHT</b> Jesus already is
Jesus - that pure <b>LIGHT</b> or (Heb. <b>ôr</b> ) = good, pure, holy	We - <b>LIGHT</b> of the word is ( <b>phōs</b> ) = to shine	Yes to reflect God's <b>LIGHT</b> in <b>A Dimming World</b>



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If you ever feel fearful, this Psalm may encourage	With a powerful message of hope	Instilling confidence in God
That even if your father & mother forsake you	God will rescue you	But let me zero in on v. 1
<b>Ps 27:1</b> The LORD is my light and my salvation	<b>LORD</b> - Yahweh, supreme being, creator	= David's light & salvation
Not David's armies,	Not his giftedness, charisma, good looks,	Or his authority as king
NO - David's light & salvation is in the LORD	Permit me to say a few words about <b>LIGHT</b>	<b>LIGHT</b> vs. <b>DARK</b> are polar opposites
<b>Light</b> = good, pure, holy <b>Dark</b> = bad, wicked, unholy	Desire <b>LIGHT</b> , desire God who is the <b>LIGHT</b>	This is further defined in NT
In <b>John 1</b> , we read Word was w/ God & was God Became flesh = Jesus	In Jesus was both life this life was the <b>LIGHT</b> of men ( <b>John 1:4</b> )	This <b>LIGHT</b> shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not ( <b>John 1:5</b> )
I'll say more about <b>LIGHT</b> in a moment	1 <sup>st</sup> let's return to <b>Psalm 27:1</b>	And what David wrote.
Not only is the LORD David's <b>LIGHT</b> but also his <b>SALVATION</b>	<b>SALVATION</b> - same Heb. Word also =	Safety, deliverance, rescue, victory
So, David declared that not only is God	His <b>LIGHT</b> , but also	His <b>DELIVERANCE</b>
After declaring God as his <b>LIGHT</b> & <b>SALVATION</b> ...	... David <b>asked a rhetorical question</b>	Who shall I fear?
If God is all that to David, what can terrorize him? Whatever may come...	Whether threatening, injury, attack, poverty, persecution, illness, or death ...	The Lord remains his <b>LIGHT</b> & his <b>SALVATION</b>
Likewise, we need to remind ourselves of this very thing	It is still true today	Even in this <b>DIMMING WORLD</b>



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<p><b>OPENING:</b> Does it seem like the world is getting darker and darker? It seems so when you listen to news programs filled w/ depressing updates. Shootings, mobs, mounting tensions all over the globe. Surging skirmishes, some new natural disaster, the next mass shooting, plague variants, and more.</p> <p>How dim the world is becoming seems to reflect the human heart that inhabits it. Such a contrast when you consider the Creator who declared on the first day in the beginning, "Let there be light." At the close of that day, God declared, "It is good." But, ever since the Fall in the Garden of Eden, light has been impacted. This growing darkness may be fearful. So, let's consider a Psalm that faces fear head-on and what our proper response should be today.</p> <p>Turn with me to ...</p>		
<p><b>SCRIPTURE READING:</b> Psalm 27:1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; who shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?</p>		<p><b>Title:</b> A DIMMING WORLD</p> <p>PRAY</p>
Today's key bible verse appears in a powerful Psalm written by David	You remember David	The Shepherd that fought off a lion & bear
<p>The <b>same that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tumbled a giant</li> <li>• Calmed the spirit of a vexed king</li> </ul>	<p><b>Same that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was a mighty general</li> <li>• Won numerous battles</li> <li>• Commanded mighty men of valor</li> </ul>	<p><b>Same described:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As Man after the God's own heart</li> </ul>
Faced plots of assassination, and other terrifying moments	To this gifted, poetic, musician, & lover of God	Israel's 2 <sup>nd</sup> king knew about FEAR
<p>In Ps 27, David seems to be either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reminding self</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encouraging self</li> <li>• Restating what he has accepted</li> </ul>	Thru-out Ps 27, David affirms his faith and trust in God



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TEXT: Psalm 27:1

CIT (Central Idea of the Text): David's declaration & trust in God

THESIS (Sermon Focus): Our trust that God can use us to His glory

GENERAL OBJECTIVE (Original): David to encourage himself

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE (Today's): Our challenge to shine for God

### BODY SIGNPOSTS:

1. SCRIPTURE: **Psalm 27:1** The LORD is my light and my salvation; who shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
2. APPLICATION: In a world growing more dim, we become more noticeable with the light we shine. So let your light so shine to the glory of God.
3. BENEDICTION: **Jude 1:24**
4. REFERENCES: *Holy Bible*<sup>1</sup>; *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*<sup>2</sup>; *ESV Study Bible*<sup>3</sup>; *Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary*<sup>4</sup>; *Holman KJV Study Bible*<sup>5</sup>; *The Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges*<sup>6</sup>; *The Pulpit Commentary*<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *The Holy Bible: King James Version*, Electronic Edition of the 1900 Authorized Version. (Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 2009), Ro 8:26.

<sup>2</sup> Walvoord, J. F., Zuck, R. B., & Dallas Theological Seminary. (1983-c1985). *The Bible knowledge commentary : An exposition of the scriptures* (1:888). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

<sup>3</sup> Crossway Bibles. (2008). *The ESV Study Bible* (959). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

<sup>4</sup> Merriam-Webster, I. (1996). *Merriam-Webster's collegiate dictionary*. (10th ed.). Springfield, Mass., U.S.A.: Merriam-Webster.

<sup>5</sup> *Holman KJV Study Bible*. Nashville, TN, Holman Bible Publishers, 2012.

<sup>6</sup> H. C. G. Moule, *The Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1891).

<sup>7</sup> H. D. M. Spence-Jones, ed., *Genesis*, *The Pulpit Commentary* (London; New York: Funk & Wagnalls Company, 1909), 67.