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Bible Study: Light in Scripture

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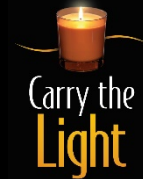


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Bible Study, Part 1: Light and God's Presence

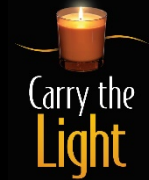
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Creation and Light



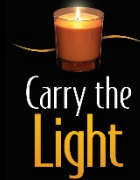
- 🕯️ “Let there be **light**...God created the greater light and the lesser light.” (Genesis 1:3-5, 14-19)
 - Referenced in Psalm 136:7-9
 - Light on first day prior to sun and moon on fourth day
 - Some early interpreters (Philo, Ambrose, Ephrem the Syrian) understood this as a different type of light, showing an “intellectual” or “spiritual” or “invisible” light before the physical, visible light that comes from sun. Jewish interpreters talk about the “hidden light”.
- 🕯️ God’s first act in creation is to make light.


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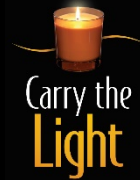
- 🕯️ God's control over light
- 🕯️ "Where is the way to the dwelling of **light**...?" (Job 38:19)
- 🕯️ "The poor and the oppressor have this in common: the LORD gives **light** to the eyes of both." (Proverbs 29:13)


Darkness is as Light to God



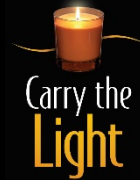
 "If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,' even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as **light** to you." (Psalm 139:11-12)

God creates light and darkness



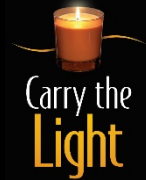
 "...I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form **light** and I create darkness, I make weal [*shalom*] and create woe [*ra*]; I the LORD do all these things." (Isaiah 45:6-7)


Exodus and Light



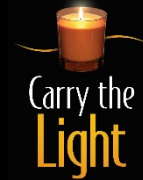
- 🕯️ Pillar of **Fire** at night to provide light (Exodus 13:21)
 - Referenced in penitential prayer in Nehemiah 9:12-19 and in historical review of Psalm 105:39
- 🕯️ **Lampstand** in Tabernacle to provide light (Exodus 35)
- 🕯️ God's continual presence

God's Face



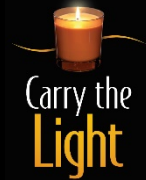
 "The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to **shine** upon
you, and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon
you, and give you peace."
(Numbers 6:24-26)

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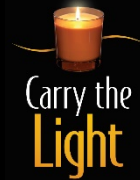
- 🕯️ "Let the **light** of your face **shine** on us, O LORD!" (Psalm 4:6)
- 🕯️ "Let your face **shine** upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love." (Psalm 31:16)
- 🕯️ "May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to **shine** upon us." (Psalm 67:1)
- 🕯️ "Restore us, O God; let your face **shine**, that we may be saved." (refrain in Psalm 80:3, 7, 19)


God lights my way



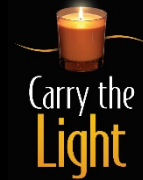
- 🕯️ "It is you who **lights** my lamp; the LORD, my God, **lights** up my darkness."
(Psalm 18:28 // 2 Samuel 22:29)
- 🕯️ "O send out your **light** and your truth; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling." (Psalm 43:3)



LORD is light and salvation



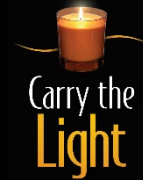
 "The LORD is my **light** and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psalm 27:1)


Light and Life



-  “For with you is the fountain of life; in your **light** we see light.” (Psalm 36:9)
-  “For you have delivered my soul from death and my feet from falling, so that I may walk before God in the **light** of life.” (Psalm 56:13)

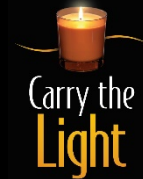
Light and the righteous



 “**Light** dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!”

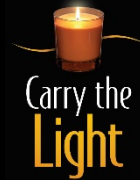
(Psalm 97:11-12)

No need for sun in God's presence



- 🕯️ "Your sun shall no longer be your **light by day**, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night; but the LORD will be your everlasting **light**, and your God will be your glory." (Isaiah 60:19)
- 🕯️ "And there will be **continuous day** (it is known to the LORD), not day and not night, for at evening time there shall be **light**."
(Zechariah 14:7)

No sun in Eternal Future



- 🕯️ “And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its **light**, and its **lamp** is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its **light**, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.” (Revelation 21:23-24)
- 🕯️ “And there will be no more night; they need **no lamp or sun**, for the Lord God will be their **light**, and they will reign forever and ever.” (Revelation 22:5)



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