

Our Light Has Come

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Isaiah 60:1-2

1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come,
and the glory of the LORD is risen
upon thee.

² 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.

2 Corinthians 4:5-6

⁵ For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

⁶ For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

We Are Living In An
Age When People Are
Totally Blind And
When There Is Gross
Darkness

Revelation 3:17-18

¹⁷ Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

¹⁸ I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

64-0119 - Shalom

15 This gross darkness, I wish to
speak on first, that there is so
much of that in the world today,
and growing darker and darker all
the time.

Each year, we find that, that
the—the world gets darker,
spiritually speaking, because
they're groping in darkness.

There is more sin. Just passing through what we have, the assassination of the President, and so forth, and people being murdered right here in our country.

Where, we wouldn't think that would happen in the time of modern civilization, but we sure have it, because gross darkness is upon the people.

Now, those who will not turn to
Light, then there is only one thing I
can say for the coming year, you're
going to
stoop darker and darker as the
year goes on.

16 But to those who will turn, on
this new year's, to the Light, then
you'll get brighter and
brighter, unto that perfect Day
that we look for, His appearing,
where all darkness will be
fade—faded away.

And the reason of that, is why I
say, to the Church of the living
God, today, “Shalom,” because we
are His Lights. Jesus said, “Ye are
the Light of the world.”

64-0119 - Shalom

23 I think it's just about like it was
in the beginning, "every thought in
a man's heart continually becomes
evil." Our—our programs,
television and—and radio, is
uncensored.

Man can say anything, nearly, they
want to, even swear and say dirty,
smutty jokes that—that simply it's
not ought to be, couldn't,
shouldn't be said in a barroom.

Yet they can say it on television
and on radio, and send it right into
the people's homes. It seems like
that gross darkness covers the
whole thing. The whole world
seems to become polluted.

Luke 17:26-30

²⁶ And as it was in the days of Noe,
so shall it be also in the days of the
Son of man.

²⁷ They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

²⁸ Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;

²⁹ But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.

³⁰ Even thus shall it be in the day
when the Son of man is revealed.

Worldliness Has
Blocked Out The
Light Of The Word

64-0112 - Shalom

90 What does it mean? God has
begin to separate the Light from
the darkness, see, pressing it
behind, like He did in the
beginning, to show the dawn of a
new day.

The Church Ages are fading
out. Pardon me. The Church Ages
are fading out. God is pressing the
darkness into a place, it has to do
it, to fade out the church
organizations, fade out the world.

The world is covering the thing
over, and worldlyism has took the
whole thing. Then isn't God
right? By worldly things, and
worldly dressing, and worldly
acting, and worldly living, it's the
world!

91 You are not of the world, little children. You are of Heaven. This is not your Home.

64-0112 - Shalom

81 Which, that was the church, the moon is the church, represents the church. And before the church, the shadow of the world crosses the moon.

And the shadow of worldly-ism,
the shadow of worldliness, worldly
church, has swept across to black
out the entire Light of the Bible.

The world got in the Light of the reflection. Do you understand? The world crossed in the light of the moon, and blinded out the sun.

And the reflection of the moon
that's supposed to be giving light
to the earth, it was blacked
out. And It come in and drawed the
pictures just exactly like It did, by
inspiration, before it happened.

- 9 - The Laodicean Church Age

Now think on this. The church shines in the reflected light of Christ. He is the SUN. The church is the MOON. Thus this orb of light is the moon.

It had decreased from almost a full moon in the first age, to a sliver in the fourth age. But in the fifth age it began to grow. In the sixth it took a great step of growth forward.

In part of the seventh age it was
still growing, when suddenly it
stopped short, and waned to
almost a nothingness, so that
instead of light it was the
blackness of apostasy,

and at the end of the age it had
ceased to shine for darkness had
taken over. Christ was now outside
the church. Here is the sign in the
sky. The last eclipse of the moon
was a total eclipse.

It waned to a total darkness in
seven stages. In the seventh stage,
the total darkness came as the
Pope of Rome (Paul the
Sixth) went to Palestine to make a
holy tour of Jerusalem. He was the
first pope to ever go to Jerusalem.

The pope is named Paul the Sixth. Paul was the first messenger and this man goes by that name. Notice it is the sixth, or the number of man. This is more than a coincidence.

And when he went to Jerusalem,
the moon or the church went into
total darkness. This is it. This is the
end. This generation shall not pass
away until all be fulfilled. Even so
Lord Jesus, come quickly!

The System Of
Organization Has
Blinded The Eyes Of The
People

63-0804A - Once More

40 Now, Jezebel knew, or not
Jezebel, but Delilah knew, if she
could ever punch his eyes out, that
was it.

41 And that's exactly what Delilah
of this last day has done to the
church, punch its eyes out, to
God's promise, and sold you some
great big intellectual
denomination. Everybody likes to
buy,...say, "I belong to the First
church. I belong to down *here*. I..."

See, as long as the devil can put
your eyes out, to the Word of God
and the promise of God! No matter
how foolish it sounds, it's God's
promise.

63-1201E - Just Once More, Lord

61 And that's what's hindered the church today, is, the spiritual insight of the Word of God has been swapped for a bunch of creeds. That's the eye the devil has. First thing he can do, is put your eyes out,

tell you, “It’s a bunch of holy-rollers,” tell you, “It’s *this, that, or the other*, or some devil’s move, or it’s mental telepathy, or something on that order.” If he can punch your eyes out, you’re in darkness.

62 And notice Samson's first plea
in his prayer, "Lord, that I might
avenge my two eyes!" He knew
there is where his trouble come.

Notice, his locks had growed out,
but he was blind. He would have to
stagger, all the rest of his days. He
was blind.

63 We may have as big a machinery as we ever had, and as many members; but what good does it do, if you're blind to the very thing that's going on in front of you, and you can't see it?

What's happening right here, day by day, along with the people, the Holy Spirit revealing Himself, and people don't see it. That's blind, spiritual blind!

63-1117 - Once More

134 And as he stood there and realized, and his hair had begin to grow out again; but he could not be effective, because he didn't have any eyes. And he cried, "Lord, revenge my eyes. They've put my eyes out."

Joel 2:25

²⁵ And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

God Promised To
Send Light At The
Evening Time

Zechariah 14:6-7

⁶ And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark:

⁷ But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light.

Isaiah 29:18

¹⁸ And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness.

65-1206 - Modern Events Are Made
Clear By Prophecy

288 It's the same time now,
church! The evening Lights has
come! Hebrews 13:8, "He's the
same yesterday, today, and
forever." Oh, events made clear by
prophecy, same today.

The evening Light promised by the prophet of God, in Zechariah 14:7, may again open the true believer's eyes to the events that's taking place today, that's proved by the prophecies that we're at the end time. Jesus is coming.

289 The very...It's...

290 He said, “There will be a day that it won’t be called night or day.” He said, “**But in the evening it shall be Light.**” Now, we know, geographically, the sun rises in the east and sets in the west.

Now, the prophet said, “There’ll be a long stretch of time that’ll be dismal, kind of a...couldn’t be called day or night; it’s kind of a dark, gloomy day.”

291 Now, where did the Son
rise? What...That was S-o-n we're
talking about now. That the
natural s-o-n rises in the east and
sets in the west. The very same
God, very same...Sun, rather. And
the S-o-n of God rose first in the
east, to the eastern people.

292 And now after He left, what did they do? Three hundred years later, they started their first organization, the Roman Catholic church. Through the Dark Age they went, and out they come.

What'd they do? The same thing. It's been a day of...It hasn't been called day or night. They had enough orders, and they believed that He was the Son of God,

and walked in the light what they had, they made their churches, they built hospitals and schools and so forth, and seminaries, sent their children to school.

293 But the prophet said, “It shall be Light again about the evening time. The Son will peep out again, it shall be Light.” What?

The same Son (S-o-n) that was
revealed in flesh at the morning
time, back there, will be revealed
again in the evening time.

294 Now compare Saint Luke
17:30, “And in that day, as it was in
the days of Sodom, the setting of
the world, in the time that the Son
of man is being revealed.”

63-0320 - The Third Seal

3 And in this great hour that we're
now living, and we see, yearly, it
gets darker and darker, to the
world. And the Coming of the Lord
gets brighter and brighter, as He
reveals Himself in the...in His Word
and in His manifestation.

65-0822M - Christ Is Revealed In His
Own Word

158 So we see the evening Light's
here. And what does it do to have
Light, if you don't have any eyes to
see how to get around in It? What
is the evening Light?

The Light comes on, to reveal something. Is that right? If there's something *here*, you feel and you can't understand what it is, in the darkness, then turn a light on.

It's to reveal! What's Malachi 4 to
do? See? Do the same thing. What
was the opening of the Seven Seals
to do, where all these
denominations staggering around
in this...?...Is to reveal, bring out.

If you haven't got any eyes, then
what's the use to reveal? There has
to be eyes, first, to see. Is that
right? To reveal Malachi 4, reveal
Saint Luke 17:30, Saint John 14:12,
also John 15:24, 16:13.

And to also reveal Revelation 10:1
to 7, the opening of the Seven
Seals, and the seventh angel's
Message; to open up, to reveal,
when the evening Light's come.
Now if a man...

God's Light Is His
Word Made Manifest

John 1:6-10

⁶ There was a man sent from God,
whose name was John.

⁷ The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

⁸ He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

⁹ That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

64-0206B - Paradox

114 Said, “What did you go to see, a prophet?” Said, “I say unto you, and greater than a prophet.” He was. He was the messenger of the covenant.

He was the breach. He was the keystone between law and grace. “What’d you go out to see, a prophet? And I say unto you, more than a prophet.”

115 He said, “He was a bright and shining light, for a while.” Why? He was the Word made light. He was the Word manifested.

116 Then when He come on the scene, he said, “I must decrease; He must increase.” Two of them couldn’t stay at the same time. John had to go; Jesus remained. See? It’s always that way.

64-0719M - The Feast Of The Trumpets

115 But it will come. That is His promise for this age. We're living in the age that His Coming will be in. She must be identified in Him.

Any woman must be identified with her husband, for the two are one. And Christ's Bride has to be identified with Him, for the two are One;

and He is the Word, not the denomination. The Word! We are to be the children of the Light, and the Light is the Word which is made Light for this age.

How do we know Light except It
comes from the Word? All
right. The Word made flesh is the
Light of the age; when you see It,
and the Bible said so.

65-0822M - Christ Is Revealed In His
Own Word

144 God is revealed in every age by
His promised Word to that
age. Now let's just look what some
of His promises is for today, while
we're closing now in these last
words.

145 Now God is revealing Himself
in the evening Light time. Let's see
now. We see...

It Takes Light To Bring
Life

63-1229M - There Is A Man Here
That Can Turn On The Light
76 ...So then when God speaks
and we see it is, then that's the
Light that shines forth, the Truth
of the Word. See? There is Light
and Life.

77 All natural life comes by His spoken Word. And the sun is His spoken Word. He said He created a great light in the heavens, for the day, and a lesser light for the night. See? And all natural life has to come by God's spoken Word.

A flower cannot grow without the light of God's spoken Word shine upon it, for the sun is, the s-u-n, is the spoken Word of God, when He said, "Let there be light."

See? It's God's spoken life. And no matter how much people try to—to say *this, that, or the other*, it still remains the same. You have to have that sun, so life, natural, can only come by the spoken Word of God.

78 And spiritual Life, Eternal Life,
can only come by God's spoken
Word of Life. Life was the S-o-n
this time. In Him is Light, and in
Him is no darkness; and He is God's
spoken Light. Is that
right? [Congregation says,
"Amen."—Ed.]

God's spoken Word, for, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." And It's forever God. See?

And it takes the Light of God to strike the Word, to make It live.

Here is what He spoke [Brother
Branham pats his Bible—Ed.], now
let the Light shine! Amen! Let the
Light shine, and the Light will bring
every Word to its right position, in
its season. Amen! Oh! You see,
when it comes time!

79 Sometimes that grain lays in
the earth, dormant, all through
the—the winter, like
seed, winter wheat sowed in the
ground. But when that sun gets
just right, oh, it's got to
live. See? And it can't live without
the sun.

And God has made promises for every age and every day. And when the Light gets right, and shines upon that, it'll produce just exactly what the Word said, because He is the Light and the Life.

Greatest Robbery To The
Church Is The Glare Of
The Light Of Another
Day

63-1229M - There Is A Man Here
That Can Turn On The Light

150 Remember, we cannot live by
yesterday's light. Yesterday's light
is gone. It isn't no more. It,
yesterday's light, is only a memory.
Yesterday's sunlight is only a
memory, or, it's history.

We cannot live in yesterday's light,
no more. And the same, though
it's the same sun, the same
sun, but each day it brings forth its
strength a little stronger, to ripen
the grain for the harvest. See?

151 The sun comes today, gets a little stronger. Each day now it'll get a little stronger, a little stronger, and till finally the wheat, that's laying there, it'll—it'll go taking life.

After a while, the—the life will come up, then a little stronger, a little stronger. March, April, May, June, July, she is in the harvest then, you see.

The same sun shining today, in—in
January or December, that's up
there bathing that snow and melting
it down on that grain, bringing it
water;

it's the same sun, but that wheat could not live in that same sunlight in June. See, it can't do it. See, the sun comes a little stronger each day, and the grain should be a little more matured to receive the sunlight.

63-1229M - There Is A Man Here
That Can Turn On The Light
225 And the greatest robbery the
church of God has ever had is a
false light, a glare, their
denomination.

It's robbed them from the power of
the Holy Ghost. It's took from the
church the very Life-line. It's
robbed them of the Word, when
they accepted a creed instead of
the Word. It's robbed them.

64-0617 - The Identified Christ Of All
Ages

78 The same thing is today, it's
God manifested in flesh, the
Message of the hour, the Light of
the day!

We can't have them other
messages back there, they have
done been lived up; we live in a
glare of a light.

Our Promised Light Is
The Coming Of The
Headstone, The
Revelation Of The
Son Of Man

63-1229M - There Is A Man Here
That Can Turn On The Light
162 Yesterday's, Luther's manna,
would not work for
Methodist. Methodist manna
would not work for Pentecost.

Pentecostal manna will not work for today. See what I mean? Every day it come, day by day, fresh, and so has It through the church ages.

Luther's manna was the message of justification. Wesley's message was the manifestation of sanctification.

Pentecostal was the restoration of
the gifts. But this
is introducing the Headstone, the
last day, the Bride Tree, which is
contrary to all of it, and yet It's the
same Light for the matured.

65-0725E - What Is The Attraction
On The Mountain?

146 Junior Jackson listening in, you remember the dream he had that I interpreted, “going towards the setting of the sun”?

And this happened on “Sunset” Mountain. It’s the evening time, sunset time. The sunset Message through a setting of history, a setting of prophecy, rather, being fulfilled.

And it shall be Light at the evening time, upon Sunset Mountain in the Coronado Forest, forty miles north of Tucson. Get on the map and see if Sunset Peak there. That's exactly where it happened. I never know it till the other day.

147 Everything that...That shall never die. It's constantly unrolling itself. From the very thing happening, to the picture being Jesus standing looking at us; and now exactly on Sunset Mountain, and the sunset Light.

The evening Light has come, God vindicating Himself. What is it? It is the facts that God and Christ are one. The “white,” how many seen it, the white wig upon Him, as we talked in Revelation 1?

See, the Supreme Deity, Supreme Authority; no other voice, no other god, no other nothing! “In Him dwells the fullness of the Godhead bodily.” The Angels Themselves was His wig. Amen.

148 What's happened upon Mount
Sunset? God confirming His Word.
That's what all this noise is
about. Notice, it's God fulfilling His
promised Word again, of
Revelation 10:1 to 7,

“And in the days of the sounding of
the seventh angel’s Message, the
mystery of God should be
finished.”

The hidden mystery of Revelation
10:1 to 7, the last Message to the
last church age. Fulfills exactly, in
this age, Saint Luke 17:30, “The
day when the Son of man shall be
revealed.”

65-0822M - Christ Is Revealed In His
Own Word

162Now it's in the eyes. What
good will you need eyes, or need
light, if that eyes wasn't there to
see? There has to be eyes, first, to
see.

And then when that come, He
opened the Seven Seals and
revealed the evening Light, taking
all the mysteries that's been hid
down through these church
ages, and now revealed them as He
promised to do in Revelation 10:1
to 7.

Here we are today setting in the
midst of the Word, and the Word
being revealed to us by Jesus
Christ. Then, *This* is God's Word.

We Can Only Be Able To
Achieve Our Purpose By
Responding To Our
Light

63-0322 - The Fifth Seal

140 Don't forget this, church. And
you brethren, on tape, I want you
to examine this. How could men do
anything else besides the power of
God that had been released to
them?

I'm going to set this box up here, to represent that. If God sends a certain Spirit among them, that's the only thing that they can work by, is the Spirit that works among them.

Now we'll prove to you, by the history of the Church, and by the—the opening of the Seals, and the powers that let loose; and watch, exactly, the Church responded to the—the anointing, and they couldn't do nothing else.

63-0322 - The Fifth Seal

186 Now, the fourth Beast, that was sent forth to combat the antichrist, in this last Beast. Are you ready? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] The last Beast that was sent forth,

or the last power to combat the
antichrist who was against the
Teaching of God, the antichrist,
was an eagle. See? The fourth
living Beast was an eagle. Now,
you just study the ages, study the
Scriptures.

Is the eagle! And in the Bible, the
last age was an eagle age. And God
likens the eagle to His prophets.
See? It...Now watch. The last age,
the eagle age, a—a revealer of the
true Word. See?

187 Before God moves to action, like He did in the days of Noah, He sent forth an eagle. When He brought Israel, and Pharaoh's army was ready to go, He sent an eagle. Every time, He sends an eagle at the last, end of it.

193 And then at the last power, He
brings down the eagle, “To restore
the children back to the original
Faith again, of their fathers.” The
eagle age! Then, you notice, there
is no more Beasts. That’s all of it.
That’s the end.

Now, if you would take now
Revelation 10:1, 7. I've been
referring to it. Remember, in the
last messenger's age, see, what
was to happen? "All of the
mysteries of God would be
revealed." The eagle! Amen.

65-0429B - The Seed Shall Not Be
Heir With The Shuck

139 But then notice, what went
forth in the evening time? [A
brother says, "Eagle!"—Ed.] An
eagle, prophetic back again.

It shall be Light about the eagle
time, the way to Glory you will
surely find, O Church of the living
God!

65-1127B - Trying To Do God A
Service Without It Being God's Will
217 The Day of Pentecost, the
Spirit directed it right into That, to
Joel 2:38. See? The day of Luther, It
directed it right into That; Wesley;

in this last pentecostal move; but
this is another age, this is the
calling out of the Bride. Not two
thousand years ago at Pentecost,
or the repeat, or the return.
Pentecost...

218 The Holy Spirit was in Luther, the Holy Spirit was in Wesley; it's God's Word being anointed. And the Holy Spirit returned to the people of the age and they begin to have the restoration of the gifts.

They found out, by yielding
themselves to God, the Holy Ghost
spoke in tongues through
them. They laid their hands on the
sick, and they was recovered.

They danced in the Spirit. See? That was the age of the reformation bringing the church back into order. And the last order of the church was placing the gifts into the church;

like Luther placed justification, Wesley placed sanctification, Pentecost placed the gifts. But what did they do? The same mistake, as nature has patterned to the wheat stalk, they denominated, which is against God, contrary to God.

64-0726M - Recognizing Your Day¹⁴⁵

And Its Message

185 At the same time, the Bride
has recognized the evening Light,
just begin to recognize. The hungry
pentecostals have begin to
recognize that them organizations
hasn't got any things they was
looking for,

they're so twisted and tore up. See,
it's the time of recognition,
recognition. You've got to
recognize.

The world has recognized. The nations has recognized. Science has recognized. The devil has recognized it's the time that he can wreck women, wreck the church, wreck the people. He's recognized it.

And God has recognized that
there is a people on earth that He
predestinated to Life. He
recognized this is the time to send
His Message. He's did it. The
people has recognized It, the Bride
time has realized the evening
Light.

65-1128M - God's Only Provided ¹⁴⁹

Place Of Worship

40 I believe the church is
beginning to hear the Message,
and begin to understand. But,
friends, listen, we've got to lay in
the Presence of the Son, we've got
to be ripened. Our—our faith isn't
ripe.

Intellectually we're hearing the
Message that God has give us, and
seeing the signs that He showed
us, and proving it by the Bible, it's
there, but, oh, how the church
needs to lay in His Presence till it
tenders up, you know,

and gets sweet in the Spirit so that it can bathe down. Sometime in speaking the Message, you get harsh, have to break it in like that, because you've got to clinch a nail to make it hold.

But when the Church once gets It, the Elected is called out and separated, then in the Presence of God, I know it'll be something like the people was there when it takes its Rapture.

65-1125 - The Invisible Union Of The
Bride Of Christ

340 Lord God, I'm asking the Bride,
tonight, the ones that I feel has
pulled away and waiting, may they
separate themselves from
everything in the world.

They must lay in the Presence of
the warm Son Light of the Son of
God, bathing in His Word, in His
love. Grant it, dear God.