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BORN AGAIN

Progress Is A Journey: Visibility is Essential

Exodus 13: 21 – 22

²¹ And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night. ²² He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day or the pillar of fire by night *from* before the people.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus%2013%3A21-22&version=NKJV>

The Light of God guided the people of God.

It is important to see. Some morning I listen to the Visibility Report. When fog sets in. Accident probably increased.

In Florida during rainstorms, drivers sometime pull over to the side of the road. (This can be unsafe)

The Power of visibility can never be under estimated. (the ability to see clearly)

Power Point

That's the thing about depression: A human being can survive almost anything, as long as they see the end in sight. But depression is so insidious (deceiving) and it compounds daily, that it's impossible to ever see the end. The fog is like a cage without a key.

Adam didn't start in the dark

Genesis 1: 1-3

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis%201&version=KJV>

John Nash 1972 wrote the Song I Can See Clearly Now

I can see clearly now the rain is gone
I can see all obstacles in my way
Gone are the dark clouds that had me blind
It's gonna be a bright (bright)
Bright (bright) sunshiny day
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Blind Leadership: Can be fatal

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“The fact that people are in positions does not justify the means that they are **leaders**. A **leader** can be **blind** and to know this, check his sense of vision.”

Luke 6:39 – Fall into the ditch

And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?

<https://biblehub.com/luke/6-39.htm>

John 9:4 (KJV)

I must **work** the works of him that sent me, **while it is day**: the night cometh, when no man can work.

<https://biblehub.com/kjv/john/9-4.htm>

The Importance of Light

- Guides
- Leadership
- Truth
- Revelation
- Fellowship
- Discernment

The Spirit Medium of Light

The Makeup of Man (spirit, soul, and body)

1 Thessalonians 5:23

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole **spirit**, **soul**, and **body** be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

https://biblehub.com/1_thessalonians/5-23.htm

Source vs. Medium

Source: Where Light comes from

God is the Source

1 John 1:5

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

https://biblehub.com/kjv/1_john/1-5.htm

Strang Fire: A source other than God (unholy fire), Counterfeit ways by man tries to ignite the spirit of man

Leviticus 10:1-2

¹And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not.

²And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.

Types of Strange Fires:

Religion, Philosophy, self-empowerment, money, sex, pleasure, power, politics, secrete alignments and oaths taken in exchange for gain, influence, and power.

Medium: The spirit (How light gets to us. How light is communicated from God's Spirit to our spirit, conduit, the channel, the stream...living waters)

The spirit is the candle (medium)

Proverbs 20:27

The spirit of a man is the lamp of the LORD, Searching all the inner depths of his heart.

<https://biblehub.com/proverbs/20-27.htm>

Re Boot – Necessary (Must be Born Again/Son of God Raised)

John3:1-7

¹ There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

² The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

³ Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

⁴ Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

⁵ Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

⁷ Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John%203&version=KJV>

Can't See "The Kingdom"

Despite Nicodemus quest to understand (ignite his spirit) through strict religious training and dedication. He was not able to comprehend the true identity of Christ. Nicodemus believed that Jesus was a teacher, **only**. He greeted Jesus with religious jargon "Rabbi". He came to Jesus in the darkness of night. Not in the Light of Day...

Power Point

"Navigating through life without a guidance system (**No light, the inability to see**) dramatically increases the probability of failure."

God's Way to Regeneration (Lighting of the candles: your spirit)

God has a prescribed way for man to be regenerated. It's by receiving His Son Jesus as Lord. This regeneration, rebirth cause the candle (your spirit) to be reignited, by God.

Stumble in the dark

John 11: 9-10

⁹ Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world.

¹⁰ But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+11%3A+9-10&version=KJV>

All other seeds are corruptible

1 Peter 1:23

²³ Being **born again**, **not of corruptible seed**, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Peter+1%3A23&version=KJV>

Salvation: God Entered your heart (spirit...Lights come on through the new birth – regeneration occurs)

Romans 10:9-10

⁹ That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

¹⁰ For with **the heart man** believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+10%3A9-10&version=KJV>

Light – Power by and Provide by God

Psalms 27:1, 3 (hear – no fear)

The LORD is **my light** and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

² When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

³ Though an host should encamp against me, **my heart shall not fear**: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

Psalms 27: 14

¹⁴ Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalms+27&version=KJV>

Faith comes by hearing the Word of God.

¹⁷ So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans%2010%3A17&version=NKJV>

So does Light comes by hearing God's Word

Psalms 119:105

¹⁰⁵ Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalms+119%3A105+&version=KJV>

Light of God (the Holy Spirit) dialogs with your spirit

1 Corinthians 2: 9-10

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+2&version=KJV>