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Main Point

The revelation of Christ and His kingdom will bring to light the true condition of the heart and will either result in embrace and enlightenment or in exclusion.



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The seed cast upon the various soils
is Jesus' message of the kingdom.



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The lamp Jesus put on the lampstand was the revelation that the promised kingdom had come.

Mark 1:14-15

Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”



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John 8:12

Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying,

“I am the Light of the world.”



John 1:9-12

There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.

2 Corinthians 4:4

The god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.



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John 18:37

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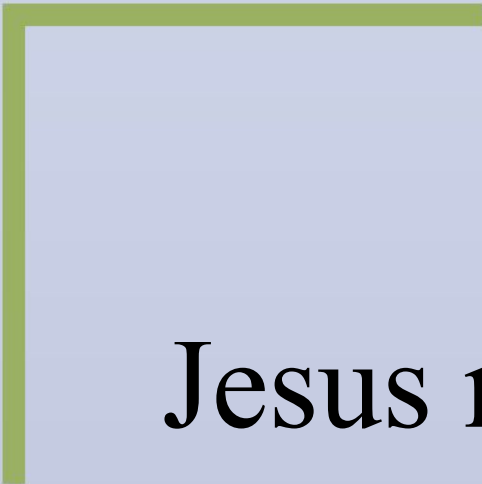
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Jesus not only came to reveal the mystery
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to reveal Himself as its promised king.



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The fruit of revelation.



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The good works we do testify to the
power and glory of God as our Father,
and they are the fruit of the Light in us.



Ephesians 5:8-9

You were formerly darkness,
but now you are Light in the Lord;
walk as children of Light...

for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness
and righteousness and truth.



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What does the light do?



What does the light do?

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Remember the context?

The soil conditions will be made known!



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The light of righteousness shines into the darkness and serves as a foil to the darkness, exposing the darkness for what it is.



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As the true light, Jesus reveals
the true truth about God to all people –
He is “the radiance of His glory.”

For those who receive Him, it will be an
enlightenment leading to salvation;
but for those who reject Him, it will be an
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What is the effect of this light
when it is truly seen?



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Those who see the light are brought
to life by the Light and are made to be
members of the family of God.

Ephesians 5:1 and 8

“Therefore be imitators of God, **as beloved children...**
for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light
in the Lord; walk **as children of Light.**”



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What does the light do?

What are the results?



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Embrace



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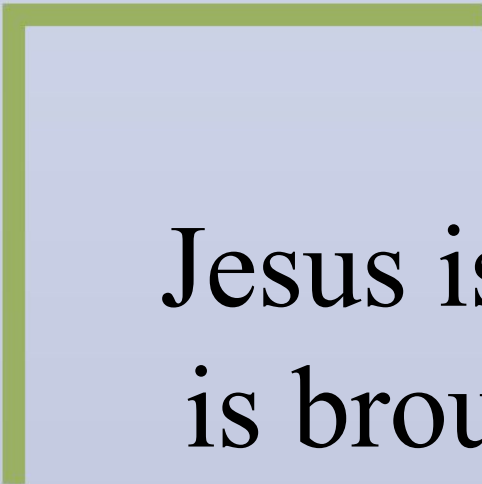
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Jesus is speaking of the familial intimacy that is brought about by the new birth that makes believers to be members of the family of God. He stands ready to embrace as His family all who will hear, repent, and believe.



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Enlightenment



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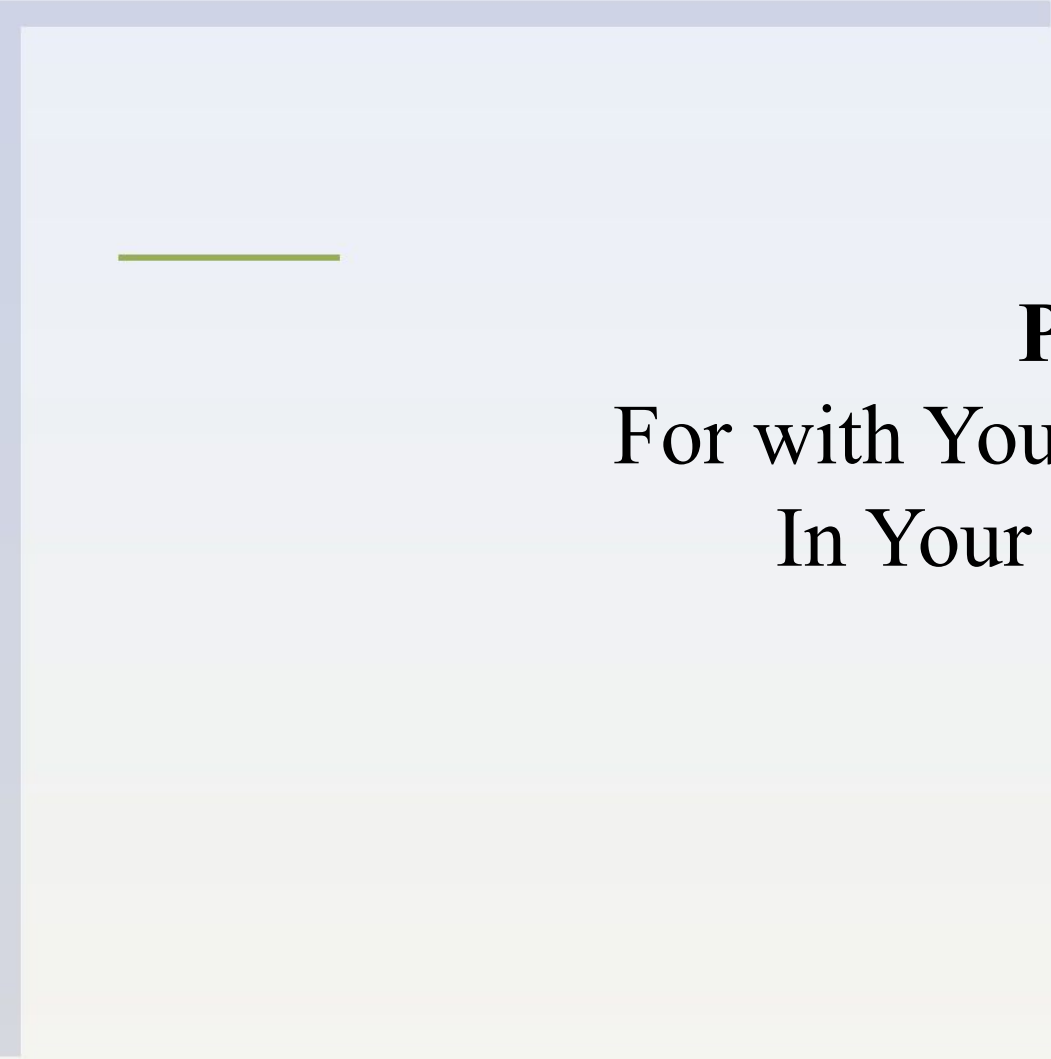


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Psalm 36:9

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Enlightenment yields more enlightenment!



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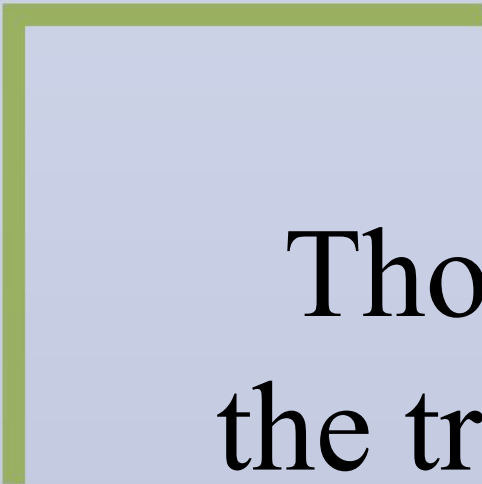


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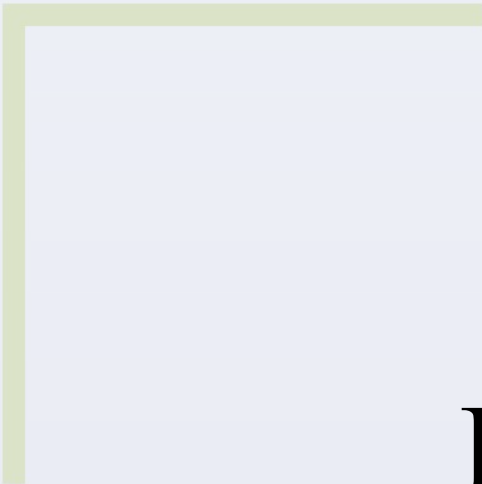
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Those who have not received Christ,
the true Light, will be stripped of every
vain thing and will be cast out into the
utter darkness away from the Light.





For Reflection

Have you seen the true Light?

Are you walking in the Light?

Is your light shining in the darkness
around you?

