

^[26] "For then you will delight in the Almighty and lift up your face to God. ^[27] You will pray to Him, and He will hear you; and you will pay your vows. ^[28] You will also decree a thing, and it will be established for you; and LIGHT WILL SHINE ON YOUR WAYS.

[Job 22:26-28]

Today we look at who it is to whom God PROMISES them that they will have SPIRITUAL LIGHT. We begin Today's quest by looking at Job 22:26-28, where in Job 22 Eliphaz the Temanite spoke to Job , that IF Job would be OBEDIENT and "delight in the Almighty and lift up" his "face to God," then "LIGHT" WOULD "SHINE ON" Job's "WAYS"!

Being OBEDIENT is seen again in Psalm 97:10-12 where the unknown psalmist tells us to,

^[10] Hate evil, you who love the LORD, Who preserves the souls of His godly ones; He delivers them from the hand of the wicked. ^[11] LIGHT is sown like seed for the RIGHTEOUS, and gladness for the UPRIGHT IN HEART. ^[12] Be glad in the LORD, you RIGHTEOUS ones; and give thanks to His Holy Name.

Did you see for whom it is that "LIGHT is sown like seed"? It is for those who are "RIGHTEOUS" and those who are "UPRIGHT IN HEART"!

Next, consider the ones to whom Psalm 112:1-4 speaks, who are told to,

^[1] Praise the LORD! How blessed is the ONE who fears the LORD, who greatly DELIGHTS IN His COMMANDMENTS. ^[2] His descendants will be mighty on earth; the generation of the UPRIGHT will be blessed. ^[3] Wealth and riches are in their house, and their RIGHTEOUSNESS endures forever. ^[4] LIGHT ARISES in the darkness FOR THE UPRIGHT; they are GRACIOUS and COMPASSIONATE and RIGHTEOUS.

Did you see the five character traits of this one for whom the LIGHT ARISES? This one "DELIGHTS IN" God's "COMMANDMENTS", is UPRIGHT, GRACIOUS, COMPASSIONATE, and who is also RIGHTEOUS!

Also consider what Proverbs 4:18 teaches us concerning those who are RIGHTEOUS when it says, BUT the path of the RIGHTEOUS is like the LIGHT of dawn, that shines brighter and brighter until the full day.

What about you? How much LIGHT is shining on the path on which you are walking? Is it still like the LIGHT of dawn or is it shining "brighter and brighter" each day?

Now, please consider closely Isaiah 58:6-11, where it speaks of those who are benevolent to those in greater need than yourself.

^[6] "Is this not the fast which I choose, to loosen the bonds of wickedness, to undo the bands of the yoke, and to let the oppressed go free, and break every yoke? ^[7] Is it not to divide your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into the house; when you see the naked, to cover them; and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? ^[8] THEN YOUR LIGHT WILL BREAK OUT LIKE DAWN, and your recovery will speedily spring forth; and your righteousness will go before you; the GLORY of the LORD WILL BE YOUR REAR GUARD.

^[9] Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; You will cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.' IF you remove the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, ^[10] And IF you give yourself to the hungry, and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then your LIGHT WILL RISE IN darkness, and your gloom will become like midday. ^[11] And the LORD will continually guide you, and satisfy your desire in scorched places, and give strength to your bones; and you will be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water whose waters do not fail.

Now listen to how Isaiah 60:19-20 relates to the Christ's church today. Here we learn that,

^[19] "No longer will you have the sun for light by day, nor for brightness will the moon give you light; BUT you will have the LORD FOR AN EVERLASTING LIGHT, and your God for your glory. ^[20] Your sun will set no more, neither will your moon wane; FOR you will have the LORD for an everlasting light, and the days of your mourning will be finished.

Albert Barnes commented on these verses by saying,

Since the Messiah came the light of revelation has never been wholly withdrawn from the world, nor has there been a period in which total and absolute night has come over all the church of God. But the prophet, probably, referred to far more glorious times than have yet occurred. The period is coming when the light of salvation will shine upon the earth with unclouded and universal splendor....

So how does this relate to disciples of Christ Today? We are told in 1 John 2:9-11 that,

^[9] The one who says they are IN THE LIGHT and yet hates his brother is in the darkness until now.

^[10] The one who LOVES their brother ABIDES IN THE LIGHT and there is no cause for stumbling in them. ^[11] BUT the one who HATES their brother IN THE DARKNESS and walks in the darkness and does not know where they are going because the darkness has blinded their eyes.

Lord willing, I hope you will join me here again tomorrow, when we will consider that disciples are to fulfill their responsibilities in the LIGHT!

Please meditate and pray on these things!

Will you please now join me in prayer?

Blessed Father God, I give You thanksgiving Today for teaching us that You promise us that if are faithful disciples of Jesus that we will receive the LIGHT and walk in the LIGHT. I further thank and praise You that You have taught us that if we greatly delight in Your COMMANDMENTS, and are UPRIGHT in all we do, and are GRACIOUS and COMPASSIONATE and RIGHTEOUS then You will give us Your LIGHT! For all these reasons, I give You thanksgiving in prayer in the Name of Christ the Lord. Amen!

Louise and I pray this will help to both enlighten and encourage you to **know in a greater way** the **One** Who promises in His Word to never leave you nor forsake you [Hebrews 13:5; Deuteronomy 31:6, 8]!

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