

LIVING
IN THE
LIGHT



Luke 1:74-79

74 That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear,

75 In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

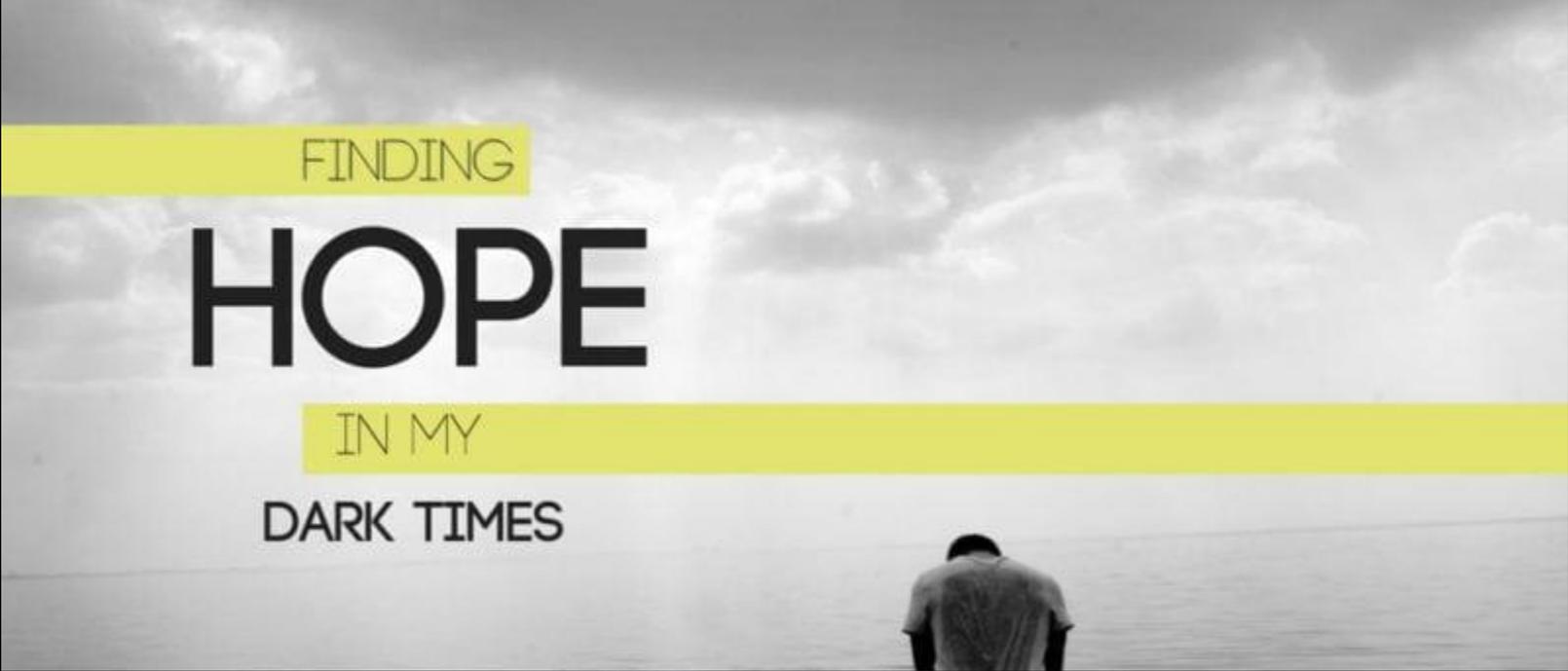
76 And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

77 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins,

78 Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us,

79 To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.



A black and white photograph of a person sitting on a beach, looking out at the ocean under a cloudy sky. The person is seen from behind, sitting on the sand. The ocean is calm, and the sky is filled with large, soft clouds. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

FINDING

HOPE

IN MY

DARK TIMES

John 9:1-5

1 And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.

2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

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

5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

2 Corinthians 4:6

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.



I. Light Gives Comfort



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A. A complete comfort

John 14:18

I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

1 Corinthians 1:3-4

3 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;

4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

I. Light Gives Comfort

B. If we come to the Light

Isaiah 50:9-10

9 Behold, the Lord GOD will help me; who is he that shall condemn me? lo, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up.

10 Who is among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God.

John 8:12

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

I. Light Gives Comfort

C. If we stay in the Light

John 12:46

I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

I. Light Gives Comfort

C. If we stay in the Light - continued

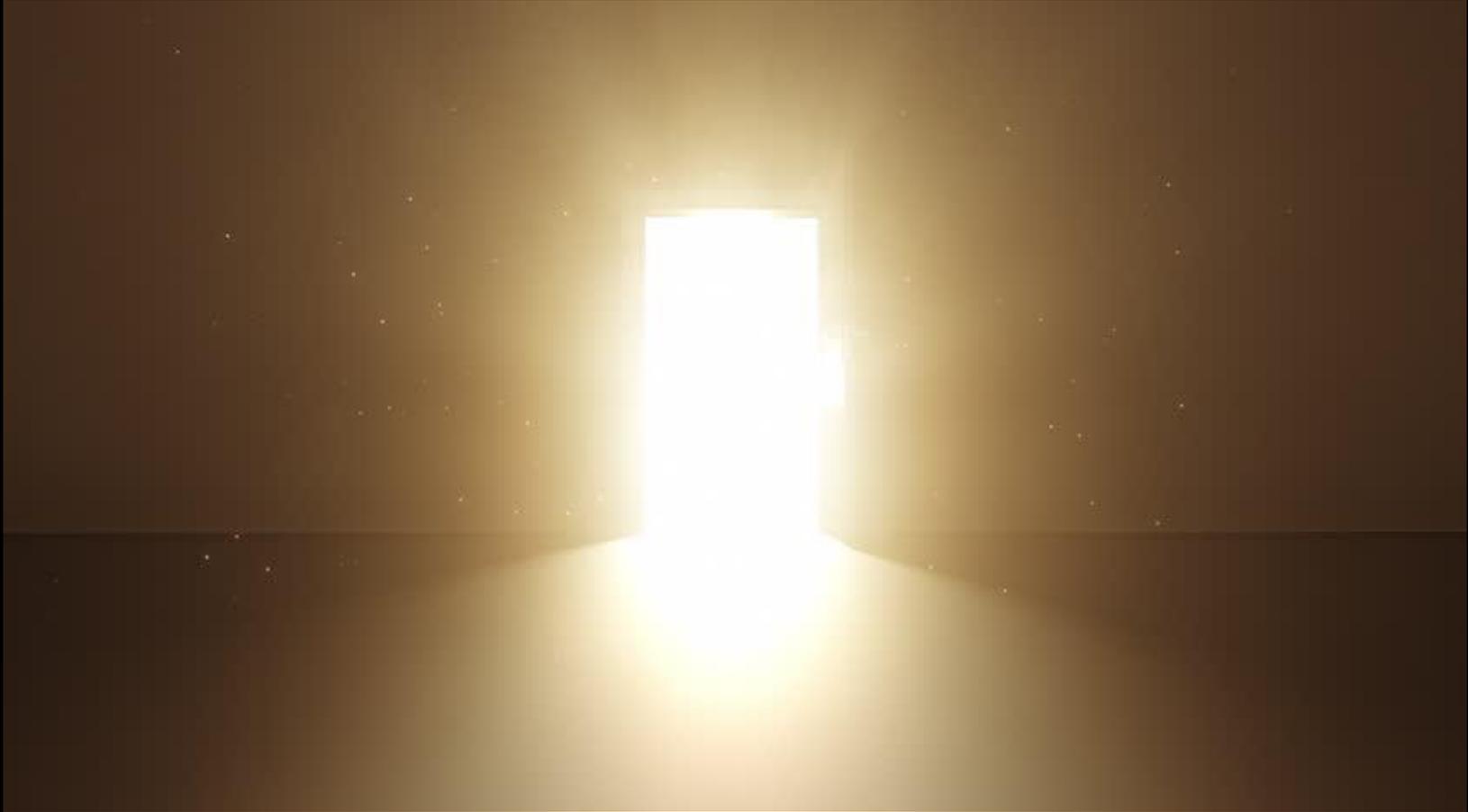
1 John 1:5-7

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.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

II. Light Gives Illumination



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A. God's light is universal

John 1:4-5

4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

John 1:9

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

II. Light Gives Illumination

B. God's light is revealing

1. In reproof

Ephesians 5:13-15

13 But all things that are reproved are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.

14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

II. Light Gives Illumination

B. God's light is revealing - continued

2. In truth

John 3:21

But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

II. Light Gives Illumination

B. God's light is revealing - continued

3. When lifted up

Matthew 5:15

Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

II. Light Gives Illumination

C. God's light should be in every part of our lives

Luke 11:36

If thy whole body therefore be full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light.

Matthew 6:22

The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

III. Light Gives Direction



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A. We need to look for Light's direction

Isaiah 9:2

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

Proverbs 3:6

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths

III. Light Gives Direction

B. We need to follow Light's direction

Psalm 119:105

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

Isaiah 42:16

And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.

III. Light Gives Direction

C. The direction gets clearer more we follow the path

Proverbs 4:18

But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

IV. We Are To Be Light

A. God's expectation

Matthew 5:14

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

B. God's exhortation

Ephesians 5:8

For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

V. Are We The Light?

1 John 2:8

Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.

Luke 12:35

Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning;

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