

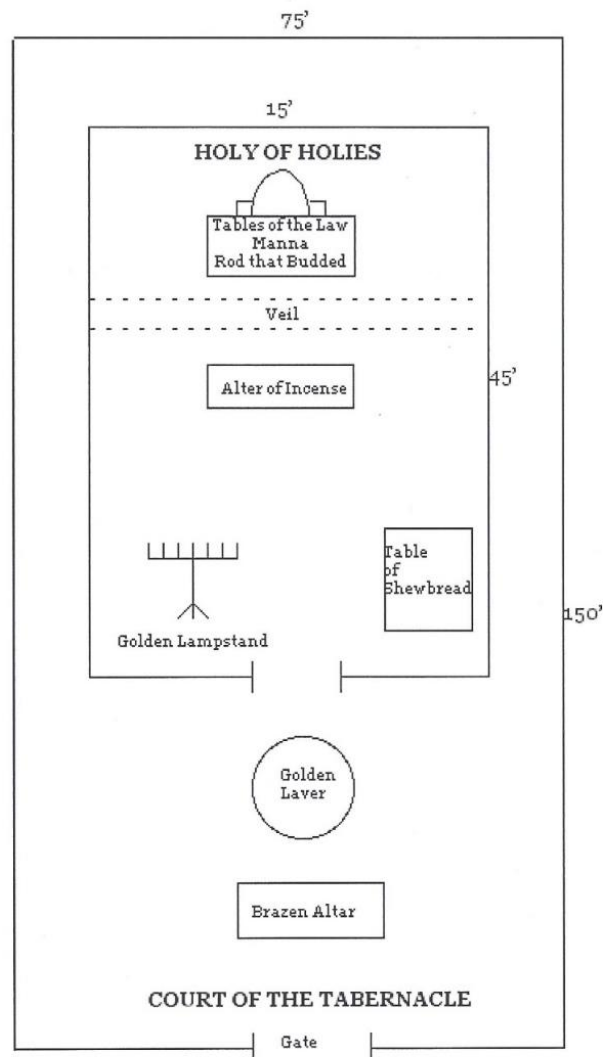
The Gospel According to John

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1. Last week when the clock tolled 7:45 P.M. I was in the process of teaching Joh 2:13. After reviewing the liturgy taught in the Tabernacle and the Temples, we were about to study the *Doctrine of Light*.

2. Before that study, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may or may not be necessary.

Joh 2:13 When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem.



The Doctrine of Light

Introduction

1. The lampstand was the only light in the Tabernacle/Temple. This sole light was symbolic of Jesus as the light of the world.

Joh 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.

2. The lampstand was made of gold to a set of detailed specifications. Clearly Christ was the light of the world Who came as the true light.



Joh 1:5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

Joh 1:6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

Joh 1:7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

Joh 1:8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

Joh 1:9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

3. There were seven branches all joined to a central or middle branch, representing our union with the Lord Jesus Christ.

4. All six branches gained their light from the central branch but all six branches had their own light just as we are His little lights and are His witnesses in the world.

Mat 5:14 "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.

Mat 5:15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

Mat 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

5. The central branch received its light from a single pot of oil representing the sustaining ministry of the Holy Spirit, first for Christ and then for each of us.

6. Figurative Old Testament uses of the word light:

- for the Word of God

Psa 119:105 Thy **word is a lamp** unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Pro 6:23 For the commandment is a lamp; and the **law is light**; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:

- for God's deliverance, presence, assurance, faithfulness and salvation

Gen 15:7 And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.

Gen 15:8 And he said, Lord GOD, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?

Gen 15:9 And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.

Gen 15:10 And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not.

Gen 15:11 And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

Gen 15:12 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him ...

Gen 15:17 And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a **smoking furnace, and a burning lamp** that passed between those pieces.

Isa 62:1 For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof goes forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a **lamp that burneth**.

- for David as Israel's political leader

2Sa 21:17 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah succored him, and smote the Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of David swore unto him, saying, Thou shalt go no more out with us to battle, that thou quench not **the light of Israel**.

- for divine guidance

2Sa 22:29 **For thou art my lamp**, O LORD: and the LORD will lighten my darkness.

Psa 18:28 For thou wilt **light my candle**: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.

- for the human spirit given at our spiritual rebirth

Pro 20:27 The spirit of man **is the candle** of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

- for the judgment of the wicked, care of His own, and teaching of His own,

Job 18:5 ... the **light of the wicked shall be put out**, and the spark of his fire shall not shine.

Job 18:6 The light shall be dark in his tabernacle, and **his candle shall be put out** with him.

Psa 4:6 There be many that say, Who will show us any good? LORD, **lift up the light** of Your countenance upon us.

Psa 18:28 For You will **light my candle:** the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.

Psa 27:1 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?

Psa 36:9 For with You is the fountain of life: in Your **light shall we see light.**

Psa 37:6 And He shall bring forth thy **righteousness as the light**, and thy judgment as the noonday.

Psa 74:16 The day is thine, **the night also is thine: thou hast prepared the light** and the sun.

Psa 89:15 Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, **in the light of thy countenance.**

Psa 97:11 **Light is sown for the righteous**, and gladness for the upright in heart.

Psa 112:4 Unto the **upright there ariseth light** in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteousness.

Psa 119:105 Thy word is a **lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.**

Psa 119:130 The entrance of thy words **giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple**

7. Figurative New Testament uses of Light

The Greek word translated light in Scripture is $\phi\omega\varsigma$. It appears more than 70 times in the New Testament. Examples:

1Co 3:12 If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw,

1Co 3:13 his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to **light**. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work.

2Co 4:5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

2Co 4:6 For God, who said, "Let **light** shine out of darkness," made his **light** shine in our hearts to give us the **light** of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

Rom 13:11 And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

Rom 13:12 The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So, let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of **light**.

2Co 6:14 Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can **light** have with darkness?

2Co 11:14 And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of **light**.

2Co 11:15 It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.

Col 1:11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully

Col 1:12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of **light**.

Col 1:13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,

1Th 5:4 But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief.

1Th 5:5 You are all sons of the **light** and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness.

2Pe 1:17 For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

2Pe 1:18 We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

2Pe 1:19 And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a **light** shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

1Jo 1:5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is **light**; in him there is no darkness at all.

1Jo 1:6 If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.

1Jo 1:7 But if we walk in the **light**, as he is in the **light**, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

1Jo 1:8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1Jo 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1Jo 2:8 Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and you, because the darkness is passing and the true **light** is already shining.

1Jo 2:9 Anyone who claims to be in the **light** but hates his brother is still in the darkness.

1Jo 2:10 Whoever loves his brother lives in the **light**, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble.

1Jo 2:11 But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded him.

Rev 18:21 Then a mighty angel picked up a boulder the size of a large millstone and threw it into the sea, and said: "With such violence the great city of Babylon will be thrown down, never to be found again.

Rev 18:22 The music of harpists and musicians, flute players and trumpeters, will never be heard in you again. No workman of any trade will ever be found in you again. The sound of a millstone will never be heard in you again.

Rev 18:23 The **light** of a lamp will never shine in you again. The voice of bridegroom and bride will never be heard in you again. Your merchants were the world's great men. By your magic spell all the nations were led astray.

Rev 21:23 The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it **light**, and the Lamb is its lamp.

Rev 21:24 The nations will walk by its **light**, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it.

Rev 22:25 There will be no more night. They will not need the **light** of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

Light Conclusion

1. The literal phenomena of light is necessary for us to function effectively on planet earth.

Gen 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

Gen 1:4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

2. Light is used in Scripture for that which brings life. Joh 1:4

Joh 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

3. There are many uses of light in Scripture: **Phos** is the Greek word for light and it appears some 70 times in the New Testament. Several of those uses are:

3.1 As the essence of God. 1Jo 1:5

Joh 1:5 And the **light** shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

3.2 For Jesus who came into a world of darkness to save a lost world. Joh 8:12

Joh 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.

3.3 The good news of the Word is called light. 2Co 4:4

2Co 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the **light** of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

3.4 At point of regeneration the believer is moved from darkness to light. 1Pe 2:9

1Pe 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous **light**;

3.5 Light is used to describe doctrine resident in the soul. Eph 5:8; Psa 119:105

Eph 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye **light** in the Lord: walk as children of light:

Psa 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a **light** unto my path.

3.6 Doctrine in the soul of the believer is said to be constructed of the armor of light. Rom 13:12

Rom 13:12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of **light**.

3.6.1 Light therefore depicts entrance into spiritual maturity. Eph 5:14

Eph 5:14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee **light**.

The Doctrine of Oil

Introduction

1. The word oil can be found 187 times in Scripture, ten times in the New Testament.

2. Eight analogous principles of oil:

- oil provides light thereby revealing things,
- oil was used for healing and the Holy Spirit heals both physically and spiritually,
- oil was used to eliminate friction and so does the Holy Spirit,
- oil was a source of energy and so the Holy Spirit provides strength and energy to produce divine good in time,

- oil was used to invigorate and protect athletes and so also the Holy Spirit does for us,
- oil was used to adorn and make beautiful and so also with the Holy Spirit,
- oil was used to polish and eliminate rough edges like the Holy Spirit does for us,
- oil was used in the anointing of royalty and so God has done for us—we are Royal Family,

One of the most often quoted Psalms makes an excellent use of oil.

Psa 23:5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with **oil**; my cup overflows.

Psa 23:6 Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

3. The word translated “oil” in the New Testament is **Elaion**. It appears ten times in Scripture where it is rendered oil. Examples:

Mat 25:3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no **oil** with them:

Mat 25:4 But the wise took **oil** in their vessels with their lamps.

Mat 25:5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

Mat 25:6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

Mat 25:7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

Mat 25:8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your **oil**; for our lamps are gone out.

Mat 25:9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

Mar 7:12 The twelve went out and preached that people should repent.

Mar 7:13 They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with **oil** and healed them.

Luk 7:46 You did not put **oil** on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet.

Luk 7:47 Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven -- for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little."

Luk 7:48 Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

Luk 7:49 The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

Luk 7:50 Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Luk 10:34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on **oil** and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him.

Jam 5:14 Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with **oil** in the name of the Lord.

Jam 5:15 And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven.

Jam 5:16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

Rev 6:5 When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand.

Rev 6:6 Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, "A quart of wheat for a day's wages, and three quarts of barley for a day's wages, and do not damage **the oil** and the wine!"

End Lesson

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