



The Light of This World

Living with Purpose

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Light to See in This World

- Daytime gives us light to see in this world
- Each day God wants to shed light on our path
- God, [the Father of lights](#), fathered His Son Jesus Christ, [the light of the world](#).

James 1:17:

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from [the Father of lights](#), with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

A Spirit-Forward Life

- You are first and foremost a *spiritual* being
- Live [a spirit-forward life](#)
- Give pre-eminence to the invisible over the visible



1 Thessalonians 5:23:
Now may the God of peace
himself sanctify you
completely, and may your
whole [spirit and soul and body](#)
be kept blameless at the
coming of our Lord Jesus
Christ.

From Light

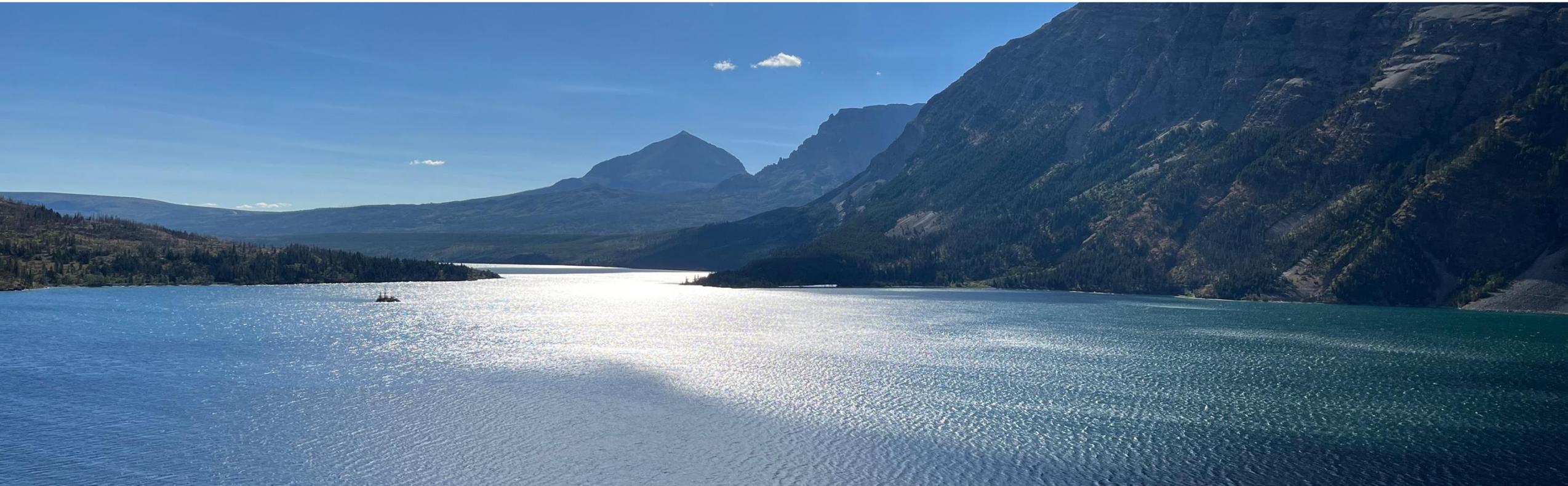
Genesis 1:3

- “Let there be **LIGHT** [singular]”

To Lights

Genesis 1:14

- “Let there be **LIGHTS** [plural]”



A Greater Light and a Lesser Light

Creation account never mentions sun or moon

Genesis speaks of **two great lights**

- The greater light to rule the day
- The lesser light to rule the night

Genesis 1:16:

And God made the **two great lights** – the **greater light** to rule the day and the **lesser light** to rule the night – and the stars.





Two Great Lights: The Father and the Son

Two Great Lights Spiritually

- God, the Father of Lights
- Christ, the Light of the World

Two Sets of Great Lights

Astronomical

- Sun
- Moon



Heavenly

- God
- Christ



The Story of Light

The sun and moon teach us how the light of God radiates from the Father and the Son.

Aspects to Consider

- Origin
- Domain
- Rhythms
- Resemblance
- Duration

Story of Light: Origin

Astronomical Lights

- Only sun emits own light
- Moon simply reflects sunlight

Heavenly Lights

- God the Father of lights is the light source
- Christ the light of the world is His reflection

Hebrew 1:3:

The Son is the dazzling radiance of God's splendor,
the exact expression of God's true nature –
[his mirror image!](#) ...

Story of Light: Domain

Astronomical Lights

- Sun rules over the day
- Moon rules over the night

Heavenly Lights

- God the Father rules the day ([no darkness](#))
- Christ the Son rules the night ([this dark world](#))

John 11:9,10:

"Are there not twelve hours in the day?" replied Jesus. "If any one [walks in the daytime](#), he does not stumble--because he [sees the light of this world](#)."

But if a man walks by night, he does stumble, because the light is not in him."

Story of Light: Rhythms

God set lights in the heavens to establish the rhythms to order man's life upon earth.

Through light, God designed the rhythms for man.

- **Days** set the rhythms of man's *present*.
- **Years** set the rhythms of man's *earthly life*.
- **Seasons** set the rhythms of man's *eternal life*.

Story of Light: Rhythms (Days)

Astronomical Lights

- Days are a function of the sun
- Cycle of day and night

Heavenly Lights

- Days are a function of the greater light (God)
- Days set the [rhythms of man's present](#)

The cycle of day and night gave man the repeated opportunity to [choose God on a daily basis](#).

Ephesians 5:16:
making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

Story of Light: Rhythms (Years)

Astronomical Lights

- Years are a function of the sun
- All celestial objects revolve around it

Heavenly Lights

- Years are a function of the greater light (God)
- Years set the [rhythms of man's earthly life](#)

The days of a man's years are in the hand of God.

Psalm 31:14,15:

But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God."

[My times are in your hand; ...](#)

Story of Light: Rhythms (Seasons/Months)

Astronomical Lights

- Seasons/festivals are appointed times
- Appointed by months (function of moon)

Heavenly Lights

- Months are a function of the lesser light (Christ)
- Months set the [rhythms of man's eternal life](#)

The Hebrew lunar calendar and its festivals told the story of man's redemption by a coming Redeemer.

Passover and Unleavened Bread

- [Christ's crucifixion and resurrection](#)

Firstfruits and Weeks

- [Christ's ascension and giving of the holy spirit](#)

Trumpets, Atonement and Tabernacles

- [Christ's return at the end of the world](#)

Story of Light: Resemblance

Astronomical Lights

- Sun and moon appear to be same size
- Sun and moon are **equally regular**

Heavenly Lights

- Father and Son are both compared to the sun
- Father and Son are both **faithful forever**

Lamentations 3:22,23:

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;

they are new every morning; **great is your faithfulness.**

Story of Light: Duration

Astronomical Lights

- Sun is transitory luminary for day
- Moon is transitory luminary for night

Heavenly Lights

- God is the everlasting light for all time
- Son reflects that everlasting light forever

Revelation 21:23:

And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of [God gives it light](#), and [its lamp is the Lamb](#).

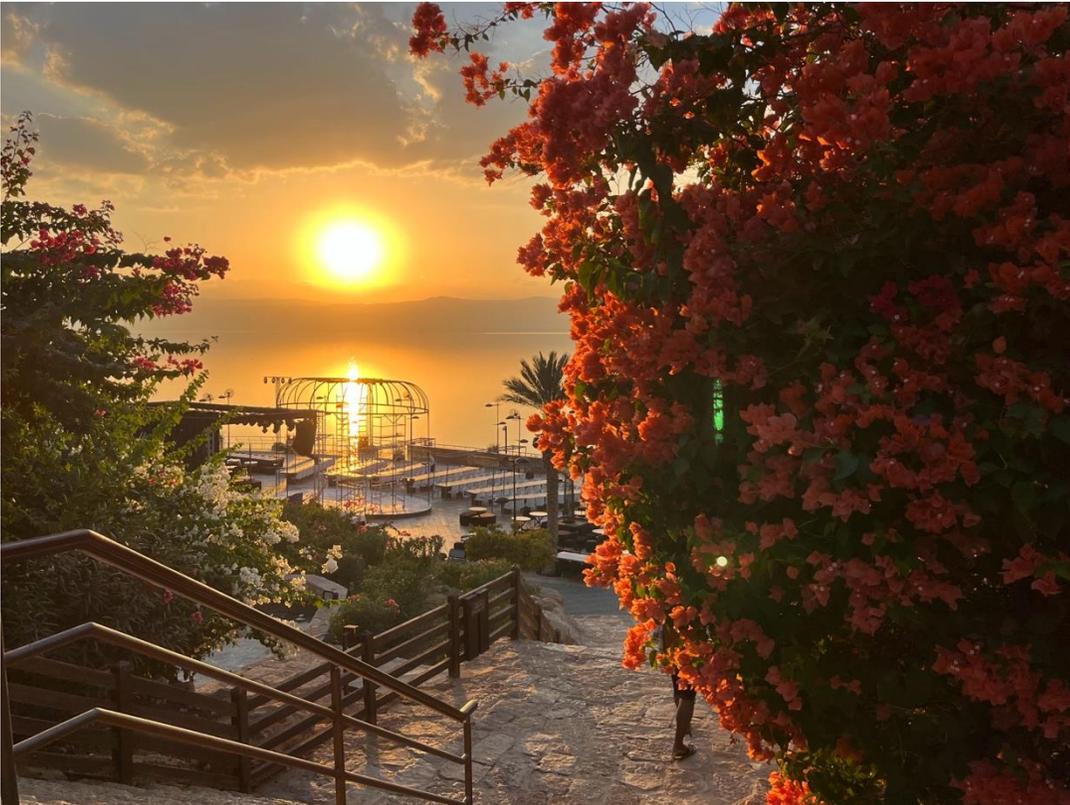
Story of Light: Summation

- God the Father of lights fathered Christ the light of the world.
- God rules the day and Christ rules the night (this dark world).
- Through light, God designed the daily, yearly and monthly cycles of man's life.
- Like the dependable sun and moon that never stop shining, the faithful Father and Son never cease to shed light in this world.
- God and Christ are the two everlasting great lights for all eternity.



Living with Purpose

Today we are God's light-bearers.



Matthew 5:14-16:

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.