

EYES TO SEE, EARS TO HEAR



THE PARABLE OF THE LAMP (21-23)



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 - To His disciples in the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5:14-16)
 - » Meaning: "let the light of your good works shine."
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Patriarchs (Abram)

Monarchy (David)



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Oil lamp on ledge in house at Qatzrin

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 - Luke 8:16b – "he puts it on a lampstand, in order that those who come in may see the light."

WHAT IS THE LAMP & LIGHT?

- The truth of God revealed, manifested, and made known through the life and teaching of Jesus
 - Cf. Ps. 119:130 - "The unfolding of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple."
 - John 1:5 - "The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it."
 - John 3:19-20 - "This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed."
 - John 8:12 - "Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.""
 - John 12:36 - "While you have the Light, believe in the Light, so

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 - 22 - "For nothing is hidden, except to be revealed; nor has *anything* been secret, but that it would come to light."
- **The Invitation (23)**
 - 23 - "If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear."
 - Ezek. 12:2 - "Son of man, you live in the midst of the rebellious house, who have eyes to see but do not see, ears to hear but do not hear; for they are a rebellious house."
 - Cf. John 7:17 - "If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know of the teaching, whether it is of God or *whether* I speak

WHAT IF YOU DON'T SEE THE LIGHT?

- The problem is not with the light!
- The problem is with your eyes!
 - 2 Cor. 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."
 - Cf. Luke 11:33-36