

AA9. Letting God's Light That Is in Us Shine.

We are to let God's light that is in us shine for all to see.

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 5:13-16

You are salt for the Land. But if salt becomes tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything except being thrown out for people to trample on. You are light for the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Likewise, when people light a lamp, they don't cover it with a bowl but put it on a lampstand, so that it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before people, so that they may see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Luke 11:34-36

Ephesians 5:8-9, 11-13

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Exodus 19:5-6

Now if you will pay careful attention to what I say and keep my covenant, then you will be my own treasure from among all the peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you will be a kingdom of kohanim for me, a nation set apart.' These are the words you are to speak to the people of Isra'el.

Isaiah 42:6-7

I, ADONAI, called you righteously, I took hold of you by the hand, I shaped you and made you a covenant for the people, to be a light for the Goyim, so that you can open blind eyes, free the prisoners from confinement, those living in darkness from the dungeon.

Isaiah 49:5-6

So now ADONAI says- he formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Ya'akov back to him, to have Isra'el gathered to him, so that I will be honored in the sight of ADONAI, my God having become my strength- he has said, "It is not enough that you are merely my servant to raise up the tribes of Ya'akov and restore the offspring of Isra'el. I will also make you a light to the nations, so my salvation can spread to the ends of the earth.

Isaiah 60:1-3

Arise, shine [Yerushalayim], for your light has come, the glory of ADONAI has risen over you. For although darkness covers the earth and thick darkness the peoples; on you ADONAI will rise; over you will be seen his glory. Nations will go toward your light and kings toward your shining splendor.

Comment

Yeshua said of himself in John 8:12: *"I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light which gives life."* As Yeshua's disciples, we also are to be lights to the world (first to our fellow Jews & then to the *goyim*). Being a light means being an example of godliness and holiness to follow for all who see us.

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