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HANUKKAH –  
THE LIGHT OF GOD IN US

Hanukkah started December 7 at sundown and continues through December 15 at sundown. It is often called the Festival of Lights because when the temple was taken back by the Maccabees, they only had enough sacred oil to last one day to keep the Menorah lit. (the Jewish lampstand in the temple). It would take eight days to prepare more sacred oil. Instead, the small amount of oil they had continued to burn and keep the lamp going for eight days while they prepared the sacred oil. That was a miracle. Today we will look at the light within us.

As believers in Jesus, His light is within us. That inner light should be lighting the places around us. This shall happen when there remains no darkness within us.

Jesus is the light of the world (John 1:4-5) as we said yesterday. Through the Holy Spirit, His light is within us when we are right with Him. That is why Jesus said in John 5:14, ***“You are the light of the world.”*** He has ascended to heaven’s throne, so by proxy we are now His light to the world. Therefore, He said in John 5:16 (NKJV), ***“Let your light so shine before men that they may see... and glorify your Father in heaven.”***

We actually emanate (emit) an aura (atmosphere) of light. It is a light which we (under normal circumstances) cannot see with our natural physical eyes. It is invisible to us. However, it is seen in the spirit realm. When our eyes are focused on the Lord, the light is bright and pure. That is how the spirits of the dark side are able to tell as to what degree the light of God is within us.

If we perpetually carry unforgiven sin, that creates darkness in us. Satan’s minions (demonic forces) then know how and where to attack us successfully. Jesus addresses this darkness in Luke 11.

Our physical eyes are how we see and perceive the world around us, as is also true with our spiritual eyes. Our physical eyes are therefore the single greatest receptor that influences our being.

Jesus said (NKJV) in Luke 11:34-36, ***“The lamp (light) of the body is the eye. Therefore, when your eye is good, your whole body also is full of light. But when your eye is bad, your body also is full of darkness. Therefore, take heed that the light which is in you is not darkness. If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, the whole body will be full of light, as when the bright shining of a lamp gives you light.”***

How is it then that a believer may have some darkness? When our “eye” is diverted toward sin and we dwell in it, this creates a “corner” of darkness within us. We do not have the singleness of eye upon the light of the world, Jesus. It might be a habit of hidden sin. It might be unforgiveness toward someone. It might be a propensity to talk about other people (gossip), or any number of issues that we are not putting under the blood of Jesus through repentance.

We cannot allow a darkness within us to obscure the light of Christ in us. When we have our “eye” on the “good” through Christ, then we are full of His light, and darkness cannot stay.

Unforgiven sin allows that darkness. I John 1:9 tells us how to stay in the light. It says, ***“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*** This chases the darkness away. We can live fully in the light.