

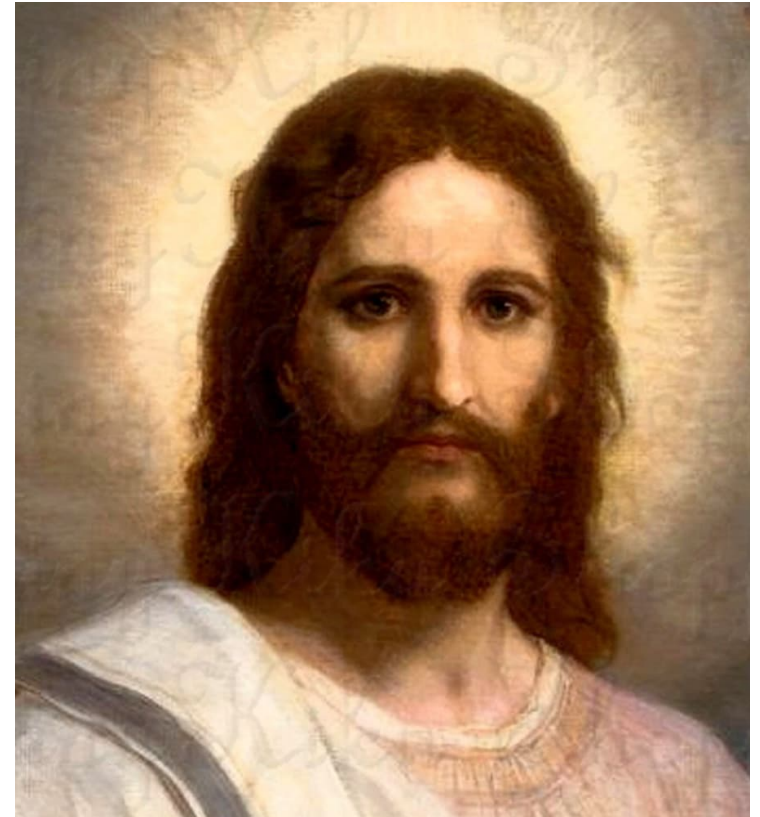
Light and Darkness

Having our eyes single to the Glory of God

Doctrine & Covenants 11:28

Behold, I am Jesus Christ, the
Son of God. I am the life and the
light of the world.

How is Jesus Christ the Light of
the World?



D&C 88:40

For intelligence cleaveth unto intelligence; wisdom receiveth wisdom; truth embraceth truth; virtue loveth virtue; **light cleaveth unto light**; mercy hath compassion on mercy and claimeth her own; justice continueth its course and claimeth its own; judgment goeth before the face of him who sitteth upon the throne and governeth and executeth all things.

Why does light cleave to light?

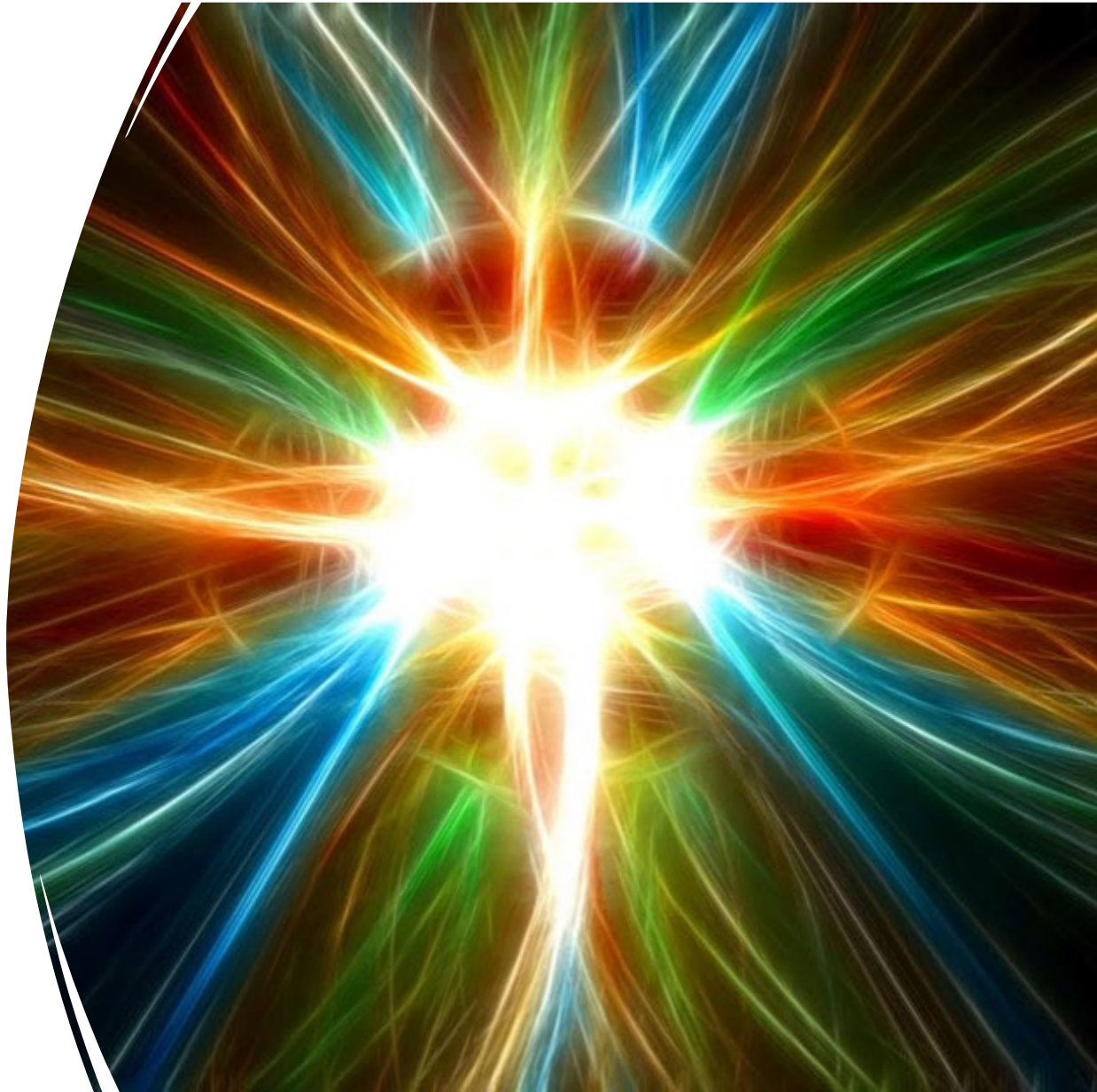
How have you seen darkness cleave to darkness?

The Armor of Light

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.

Romans 13:12

What is the armour of Light?



The Armour of Light

- Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.
- But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.
- Hebrews 10:19-20



2 Nephi 10: 14

“... I will be a light unto them forever, that hear my words.”

How does “hearing His words” provide light for us ?

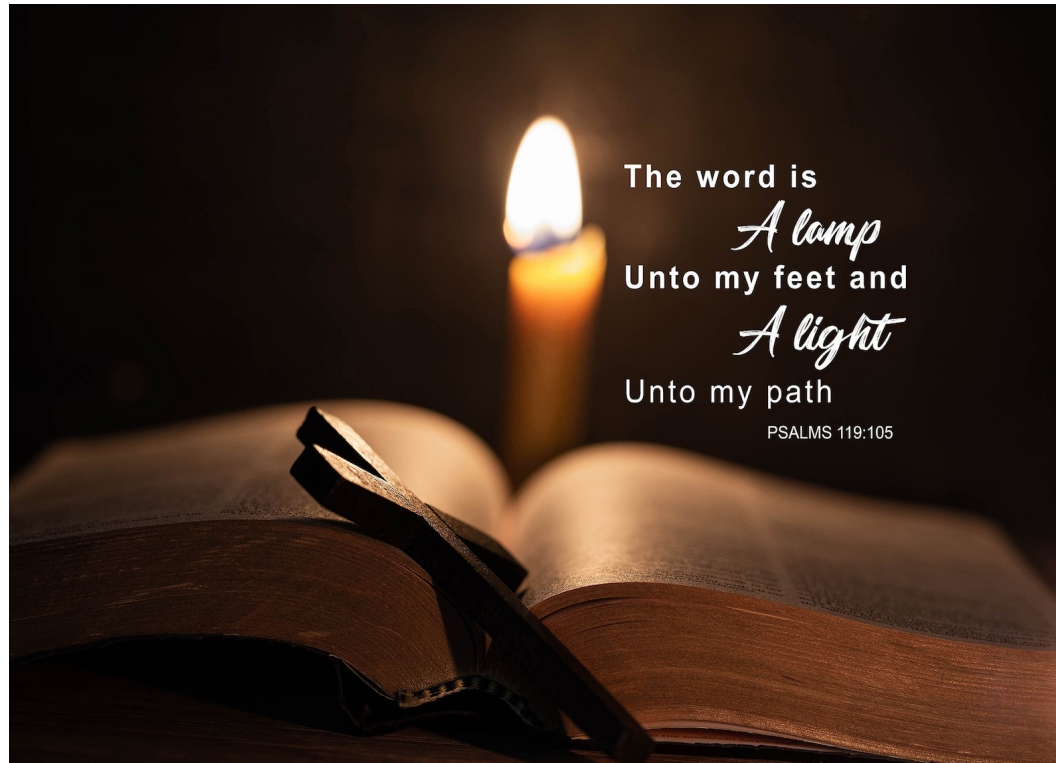
Gaining Greater Light

For the word of the Lord is truth, and whatsoever is truth is light, and whatsoever is light is Spirit, even the Spirit of Jesus Christ. And the Spirit giveth light to every man that cometh into the world; and **the Spirit enlighteneth every man through the world, that hearkeneth to the voice of the Spirit.**

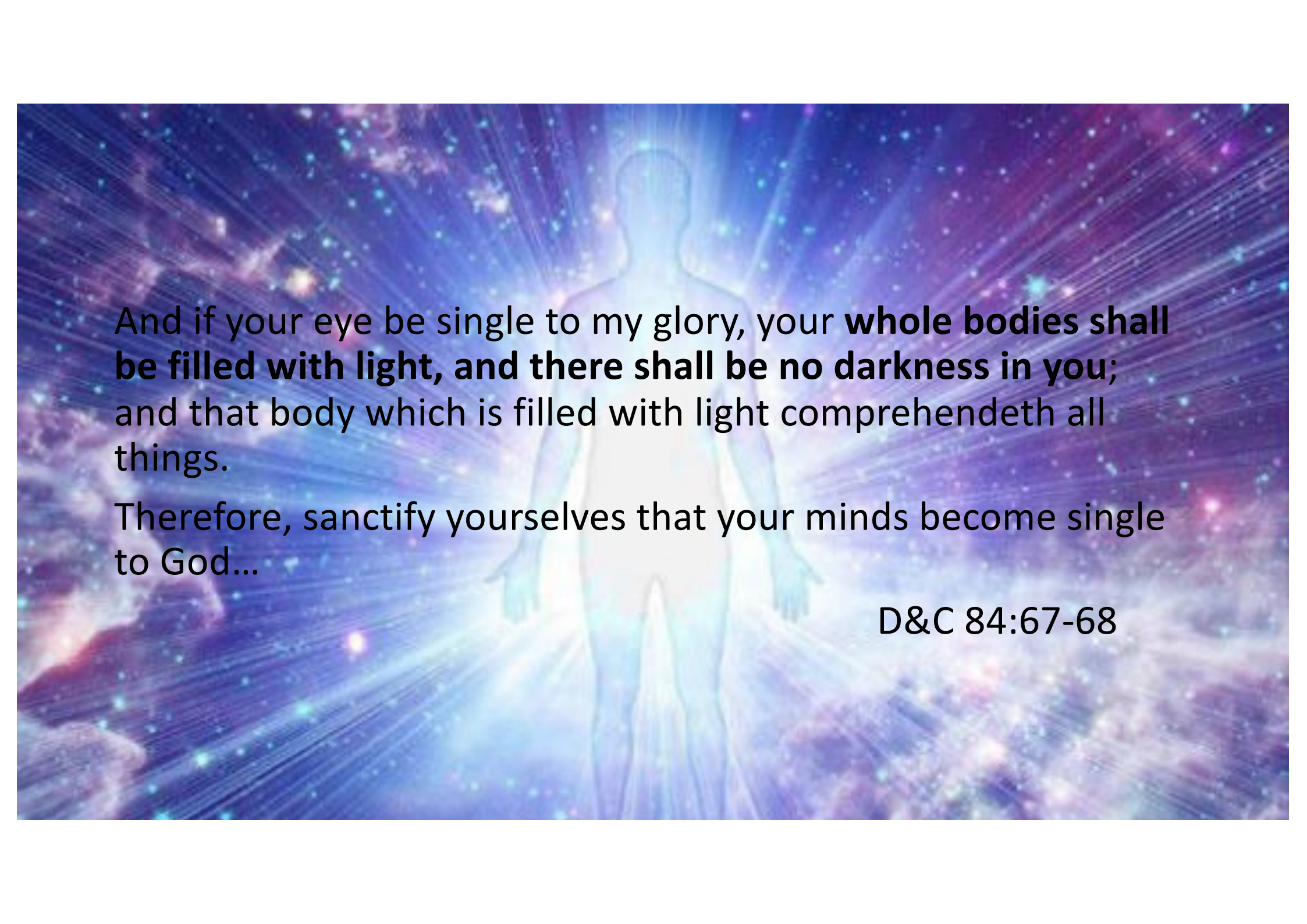
D&C 84:45-46



Why does hearkening to the Spirit enlighten us?



How is the word of God a lamp unto our feet?
Why does the scripture reference both our feet and our path?



And if your eye be single to my glory, your **whole bodies shall be filled with light, and there shall be no darkness in you;** and that body which is filled with light comprehendeth all things.

Therefore, sanctify yourselves that your minds become single to God...

D&C 84:67-68

What do we look for?

The light of the body is the eye:
therefore when thine eye is single, thy
whole body also is full of light; but
when *thine eye* is evil, thy body
also *is* full of darkness.

Luke 11:34

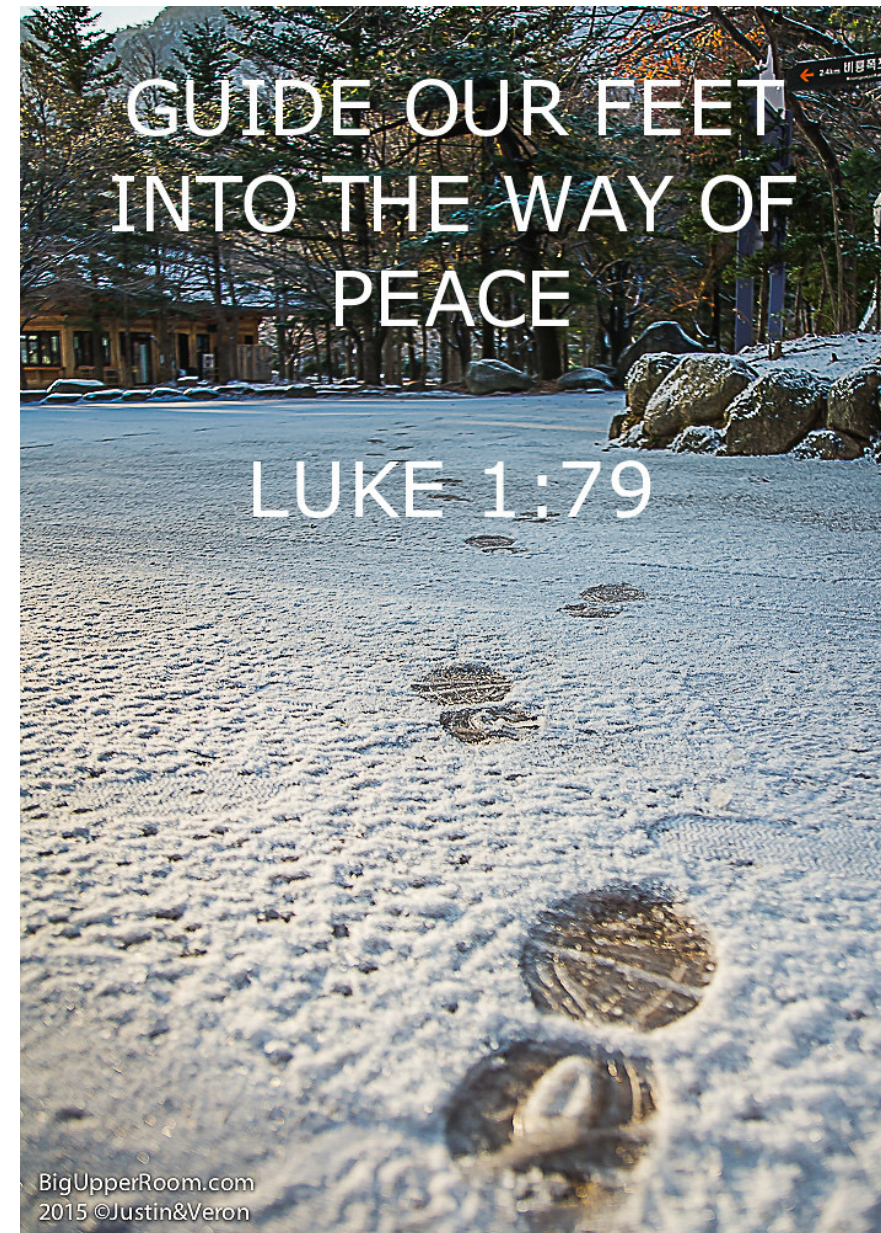


How do we sanctify ourselves to eliminate darkness?

Luke 1:78-79

Through the tender mercy of our God;
whereby the dayspring from on high hath
visited us. To give light to them that sit in
darkness and in the shadow of death, to
guide our feet into the way of peace.

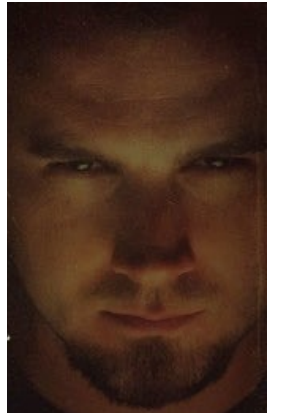
Why is there no peace in darkness?



John 3:19-21

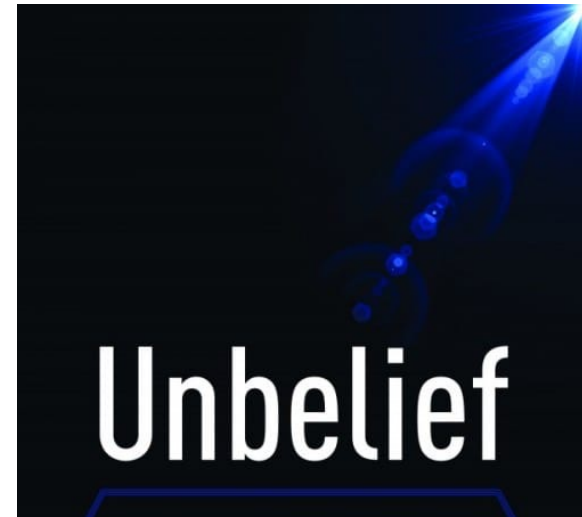
And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

For everyone that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.



But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

D&C 84:54



And your minds in times past have been darkened because of unbelief, and because you have treated lightly the things you have received—

What things might we treat lightly?

Lawrence Corbridge – The Fourth Missionary

“In short when you choose to follow Christ you move forward and assimilate attributes of light; when you do not, you move backward and acquire attributes of darkness.”

What are the attributes of Light? Of darkness?



D&C 50:23

And that which doth not edify is not of God, and is darkness.

(Edify means to INSTRUCT, IMPROVE, TRAIN, GUIDE, ENLIGHTEN)

What things enlighten and improve us?

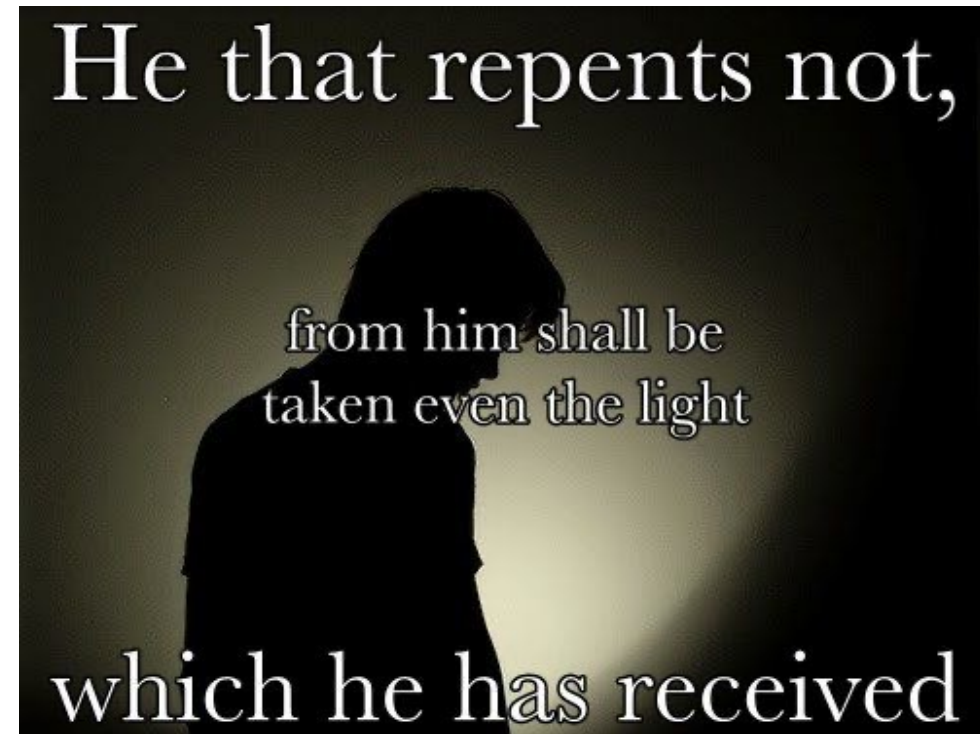
What things steal away our light?



D&C 1:33

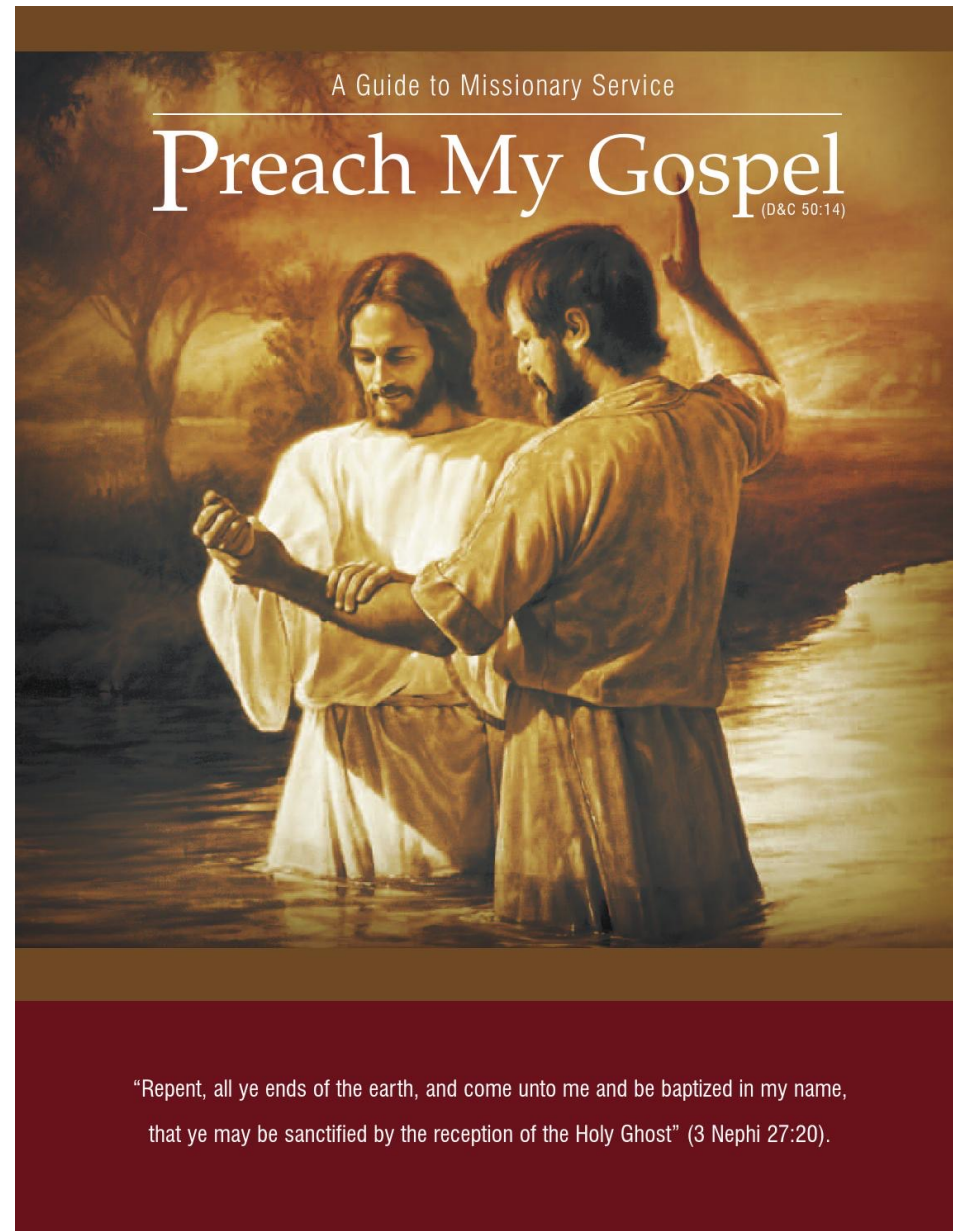
And he that repents not, from him shall be taken even the light which he has received; for my Spirit shall not always strive with man, saith the Lord of Hosts.

What does NOT repenting take away light from us?



The Restoration Lesson

“Whenever people choose to disregard, disobey, or distort any gospel principle or ordinance, whenever they reject the Lord’s prophets, or whenever they fail to endure in faith, they distance themselves from God and begin to live in spiritual darkness.”





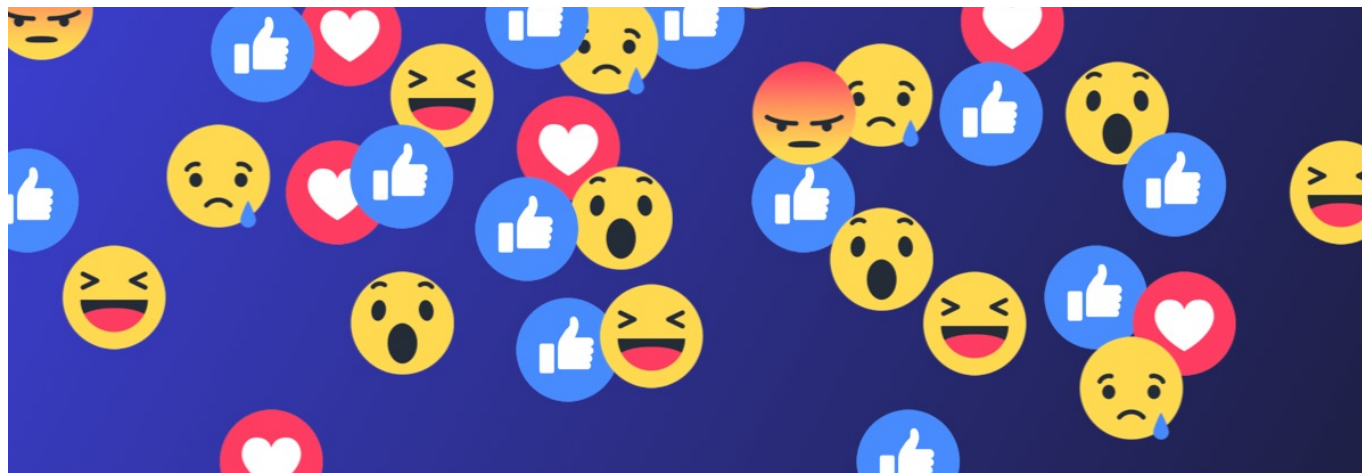
D&C 45:7

For verily I say unto you that I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the light and the life of the world—a light that shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehendeth it not.

Why does darkness not comprehend light?

2 Nephi 26:29-31

“He commandeth that there shall be no priestcrafts; for, behold, priestcrafts are that men preach and set themselves up for a light unto the world, that they may **get gain and praise of the world**; but they seek not the welfare of Zion...”



Isaiah 5:20-21

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!



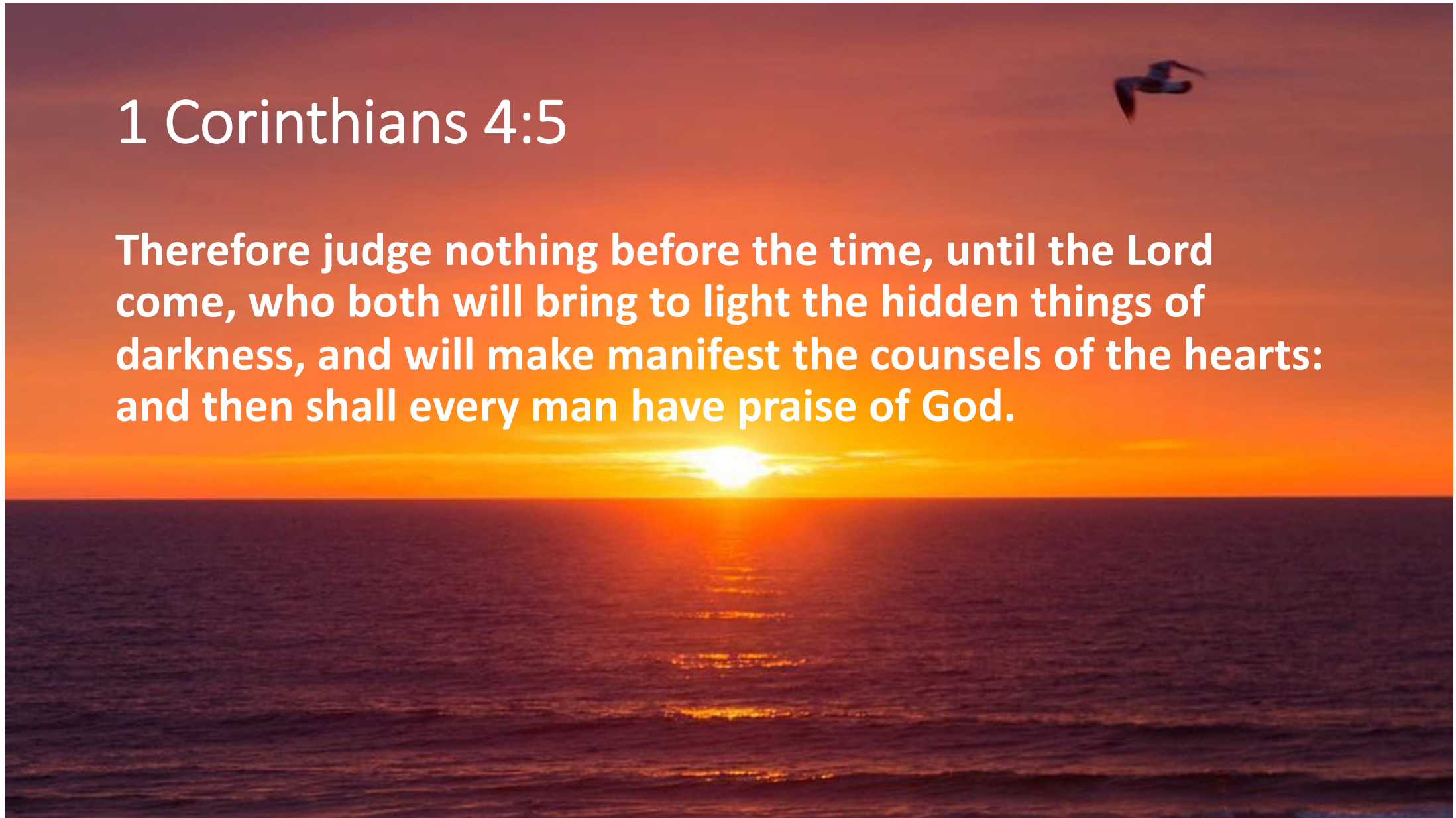
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Isaiah 29:15

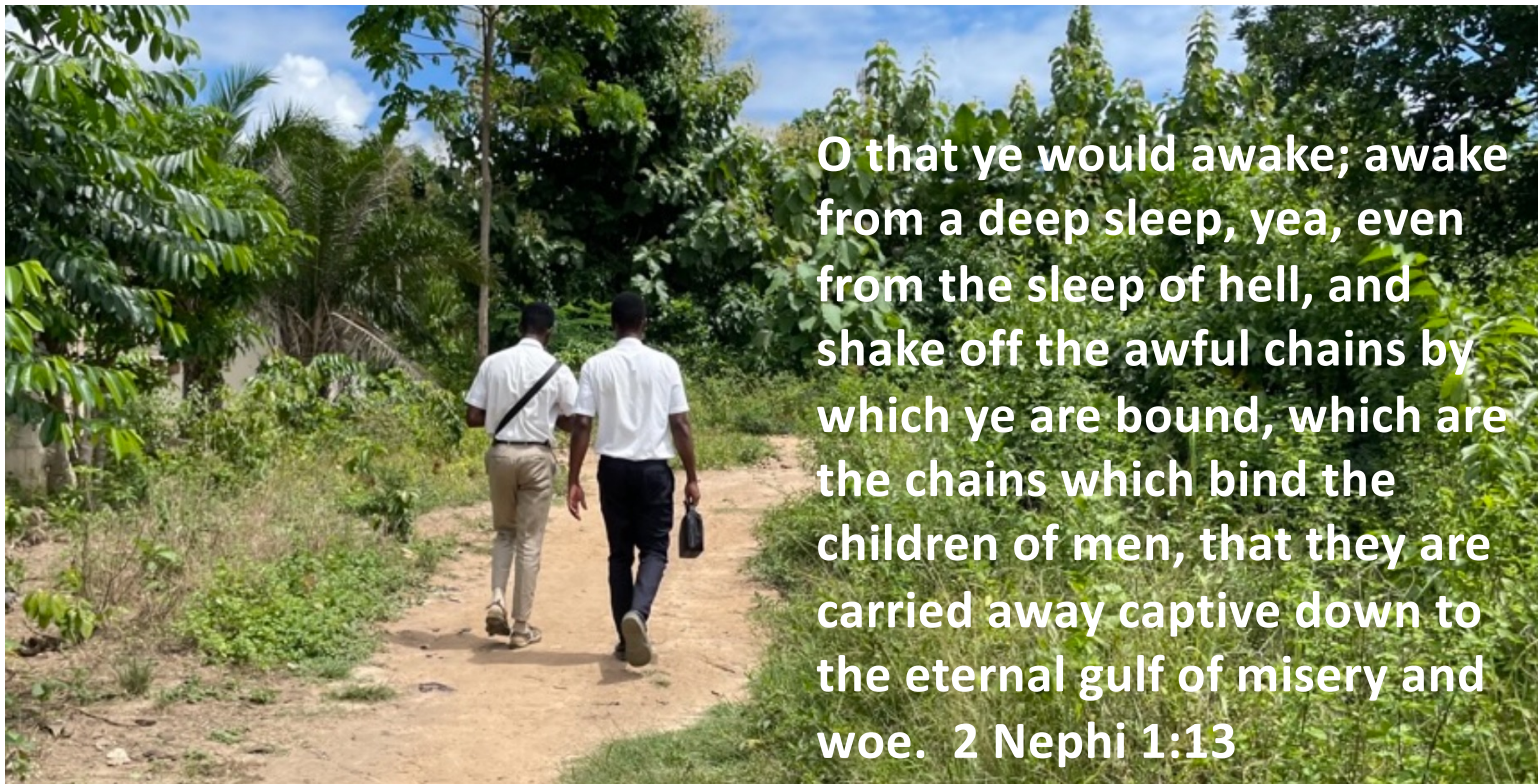
Woe unto them that seek deep to hide
their counsel from the Lord, and their works are
in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who
knoweth us?

1 Corinthians 4:5

Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.



Awake!



O that ye would awake; awake from a deep sleep, yea, even from the sleep of hell, and shake off the awful chains by which ye are bound, which are the chains which bind the children of men, that they are carried away captive down to the eternal gulf of misery and woe. 2 Nephi 1:13

Conclusion

“Stop struggling with the darkness and focus on the Light”

“Claim your privileges associated with light”

“Look forward with hope to view from the top – and then the climb up the mountain will not be so difficult”

“Believe our Savior Jesus Christ”

1 John 2:8

Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is is past, and the true light now shineth.

