

OPEN HEAVEN 20 OCTOBER 2025 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: THE LORD IS MY LIGHT

MEMORISE:

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalms 27:1

READ: Genesis 26:1-12:

- 1 And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar.
- 2 And the LORD appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of:
- 3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father;
- 4 And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;
- 5 Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and

my laws.

6 And Isaac dwelt in Gerar:

7 And the men of the place asked him of his wife; and he said, She is my sister: for he feared to say, She is my wife; lest, said he, the men of the place should kill me for Rebekah; because she was fair to look upon.

8 And it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out at a window, and saw, and, behold, Isaac was sporting with Rebekah his wife.

9 And Abimelech called Isaac, and said, Behold, of a surety she is thy wife: and how saidst thou, She is my sister? And Isaac said unto him, Because I said, Lest I die for her.

10 And Abimelech said, What is this thou hast done unto us? one of the people might lightly have lien with thy wife, and thou shouldest have brought guiltiness upon us.

11 And Abimelech charged all his people, saying, He that toucheth this man or his wife shall surelybe put to death.

12 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him.

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When you submit to the Lordship of Jesus, He becomes your light. When the Lord becomes your light, you will have access to hidden mysteries. When others complain about a casting down, you will keep rejoicing because God's light will show you the way to enjoy a lifting up (Job 22:29). As we see in today's Bible reading, Isaac enjoyed the light of the Lord. While others were dying in famine, he thrived, flourished, and became very great because God lighted his path and showed him what to do

Enjoying God's light begins with acknowledging and submitting to His Lordship. When God told Isaac to stay where he was during the famine, he did not argue. You cannot enjoy God's light when you walk in the light of your own fire. Isaiah prophesied about people who walk in the light of their own fires:

Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass yourselves about with sparks: walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks that ye have kindled. This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow. Isaiah 50:11

Walking in the light of your own fire means doing things your way and leaning on your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5 says you should not lean on your own understanding. Those who lean on their understanding eventually end up being sorrowful because they will late realise that the way they thought was right was actually wrong (Proverbs 14:12).

When the Lord is your light, you will walk in the way that is right, not in the way that seems right. He will show you the way you should walk in and lead you in the paths of righteousness (Psalm 23:3). As your light, the Lord will lead you in the way that you should go and guide you with His eyes because you are His responsibility (Psalm 32:8).

You cannot remain in the dark about the enemy's plans when the Lord is your light. In Acts 23:12-22, Paul was in prison, and some people conspired to kill him. They made the perfect plan to deceive the chief captain of the prison by telling him that they just wanted to ask Paul some questions, but their real

plan was to kill him. However, God arranged for

Paul's nephew to overhear their evil plot, and he exposed them. When God is your light, He will expose the enemy's plans and keep you safe from every evil plot.

KEY POINT

When the Lord is your light, He will expose your enemies' plans and grant you access to hidden mysteries.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Mark 15-16

HYMN 33: GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH!

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 20 OCTOBER 2025 COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: Psalm 27:1

"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

This verse presents a threefold identity of God for the believer: He is your **Light** (illumination and guidance), your **Salvation** (deliverance and safety), and your **Strength** (fortitude and power). With this triune assurance, fear is rendered irrational and powerless.

BIBLE READING: Genesis 26:1-12

This passage is a masterclass in thriving by divine light amidst universal famine:

v. 2-3: The Divine Instruction: God tells Isaac to **dwell in the land** of famine and promises to **be with him** and **bless him** there.

v. 6: The Obedience: "And Isaac dwelt in Gerar."

v. 12-13: The Result: "Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold... and the man waxed great..."

Obedience to God's specific light led to supernatural prosperity in a time of universal lack.

The Privilege of Walking in Divine Light

Daddy E.A. Adeboye draws a powerful distinction between human ingenuity and divine guidance. The life of Isaac exemplifies the extraordinary benefits of submitting to God's Lordship, which grants access

to His light—a light that reveals secrets, provides strategy, and ensures triumph even in the most adverse circumstances.

The Two Sources of Light

• The Light of Your Own Fire (Human Wisdom):

This is the path of self-reliance, leaning on one's own understanding (Proverbs 3:5). It is kindling your own sparks for illumination.

- o Source: Human intellect, experience, and reasoning.
- **Result:** Sorrow, failure, and eventual regret (Isaiah 50:11, Proverbs 14:12). It leads to a way that *seems* right but ends in destruction.

• The Light of The Lord (Divine Revelation):

This is the path of God-dependence, receiving illumination directly from the Spirit of God.

- **Source:** God's Word, the Holy Spirit's prompting, and godly counsel.
- **Result:** Guidance, protection, prosperity, and peace. It leads in the *right* way, not just the seemingly right way (Psalm 23:3).

The Benefits of Walking in God's Light

1. It Grants You Strategic Direction:

God's light told Isaac to *stay* in the famine-stricken land while others fled. This counterintuitive strategy became the key to his hundredfold harvest. Divine light often provides direction that contradicts human logic but leads to supernatural results.

2. It Provides Insider Information:

When the Lord is your light, you have access to heaven's intelligence agency. As with Paul in Acts 23:16-22, God will expose hidden plots and secret strategies of the enemy against you. Nothing about your life is hidden from Him; He will reveal what you need to know to stay safe.

3. It Eliminates Fear:

The knowledge that God is your light—that He sees what you cannot see and knows what you do not know—banishes fear. You can walk confidently through dark valleys because your path is illuminated by His presence and wisdom (Psalm 23:4).

4. It Guarantees Supernatural Provision:

In a time of universal famine, Isaac experienced unprecedented abundance because he walked in God's light. Those connected to divine guidance will always have a competitive advantage; they will thrive when others are barely surviving.

How to Walk Consistently in God's Light

1. Submit to His Lordship:

This is the foundational step. You cannot demand God's light while rejecting His leadership. Surrender the right to chart your own course.

2. Reject Leaning on Your Understanding:

Consciously refuse to make decisions based solely on human reasoning, past experiences, or popular

opinion. Bring every plan before God for approval.

3. Prioritize Obedience:

When God gives an instruction, as He did to Isaac, obey immediately and completely without argument. Obedience is the key that keeps you in the flow of His light.

4. Cultivate Sensitivity to the Holy Spirit:

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17). Pray for a heightened sensitivity to His gentle promptings, checks, and guidance.

Conclusion: Choose Your Source of Light

Pray this:

"Lord Jesus, You are my light and my salvation. I renounce the path of self-reliance and the pride of leaning on my own understanding. Today, I submit every area of my life to Your Lordship. Illuminate my path. Reveal Your strategies to me. Expose every hidden plot of the enemy. Guide me with Your eye and lead me in the right way, so that I may thrive in every season and glorify You, in Jesus' name. Amen."

Action Steps:

- 1. **Decision Audit:** Identify one upcoming decision. Commit to seeking God's light through prayer and His Word before proceeding.
- 2. Scripture Meditation: Memorize and confess Psalm 27:1 and Proverbs 3:5-6 daily.
- 3. **Obedience Check:** Is there any instruction from God (through His Word or Spirit) that you have been delaying to obey? Act on it today.
- 4. **Testify:** Share a testimony of a time God's guidance led you differently than your own plan and produced a better outcome.

Remember: Walking in your own light leads to sorrow; walking in God's light leads to salvation, strength, and supernatural success. Your path does not have to be dark or uncertain.

"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?" (Psalm 27:1). Walk in that light today.

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