

The Bright and Morning Star

Who Do You Say I Am? #4

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I pray for you constantly, ¹⁷ asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. ¹⁸ I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance. ¹⁹ I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him.

Ephesians 5:16-19 (NLT)

I see him coming, but not now. I see him coming, but not soon. A star will come from the family of Jacob. A new ruler will come from the Israelites.

Numbers 24:17a (ERV)

"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this witness for the churches. I am the Root and the Son of David. I am the bright Morning Star."

Revelation 22:16 (NIRV)

Jesus makes three promises...

1. The Bright and Morning Star promises to guide me.

So we have seen and proved that what the prophets said came true. You will do well to pay close attention to everything they have written, for, like lights shining into dark corners, their words help us to understand many things that otherwise would be dark and difficult. But when you consider the wonderful truth of the prophets' words, then the light will dawn in your souls and Christ the Morning Star will shine in your hearts.

2 Peter 1:18-19 (TLB)

Look to God's instructions and teachings! People who contradict his word are completely in the dark.

Isaiah 8:20 (NLT)

Who among you fears the Lord and obeys his servant? That person may walk in the dark and have no light. Then let him trust in the Lord. Let him depend on his God. ¹¹ But instead, some of you want to light your own fires. You want to make your own light. So, go, walk in the light of your fires. Trust your own light to guide you. But this is what you will receive from me: You will lie down in a place of pain.

Isaiah 50:10-11 (ICB)

2. The Bright and Morning Star promises an end to my darkness.

I have come into the world as light, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness. **John 12:46 (GNT)**

Remember, our message is not about ourselves; we're proclaiming Jesus Christ, the Master. All we are is messengers, errand runners from Jesus for you. It started when God said, "Light up the darkness!" and our lives filled up with light as we saw and understood God in the face of Christ, all bright and beautiful. **2 Corinthians 4:5-6 (MSG)**

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. **Colossians 1:13 (NIV)**

3. The Bright and Morning Star promises me a fresh start.

The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. **Matthew 4:16 (NIV)**

... my God turns my darkness into light. **Psalms 18:28 (NIV)**

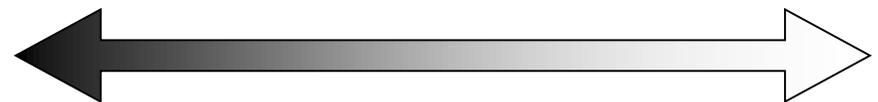
One may experience sorrow during the night, but joy arrives in the morning. **Psalms 30:5 (NET)**

The LORD's unfailing love and mercy still continue, ²³ Fresh as the morning, as sure as the sunrise. **Lamentations 3:22-23 (GNT)**

In the past you were full of darkness, but now you are full of light in the Lord. So live like children who belong to the light. ⁹ This light produces every kind of goodness, right living, and truth. ¹⁰ Try to learn what pleases the Lord. **Ephesians 5:8-10 (ERV)**

The night is almost finished. The day is almost here. So we should stop doing whatever belongs to darkness... ¹³ We should live in a right way, like people who belong to the day. **Romans 13:12-13 (ERV)**

- Live like it's **daylight**.



It's getting darker

It's getting brighter