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Light of the World

*“While I am in the world
I am the light of the world.”
~ John 9:5 ~*

There are many times in Scripture where God is referred to as Light, sometimes by Himself and other times by others (*Psalm 44:3, Ezekiel 1:27, etc.*). Throughout the Bible, light references to that which is holy, pure, and good. The world was given over to the darkness – that which is evil and unrighteous. These two – darkness and light – are in constant war over dominion of the earth. With sin entering the world, it was given over to the rule of the enemy, the reign of darkness. However, we as believers know that, in the end, the world will come under the authority of the King of Heaven, the light of the world.

One of the first things God created in the earth was light. He brought forth illumination into the darkness. Later, God gave the Israelites His commandments – His Torah. He brought moral light into moral darkness. He brought morality to an immoral world. He organized the conduct of the world to distinguish the good from the evil. Even further in the story, Yeshua called Himself the light of the world in John 9. He came to save the world, and He truly was the light. *John 1:5* says, “*The light shines in the darkness, and darkness hasn’t overcome it.*” Another description for the word “overcome” is to comprehend or to understand. This passage can also be interpreted to mean that the darkness cannot understand the light. When evil comes in contact with good, it cannot always understand what it has witnessed.

Pause: What does it mean to you that the darkness has not overcome the light? What about the darkness not understanding the light?

There are some practical applications to our verse in John 1:5 that may not be clearly apparent upon first glance. To understand what they are, we must dig further into what God has to say about light:

