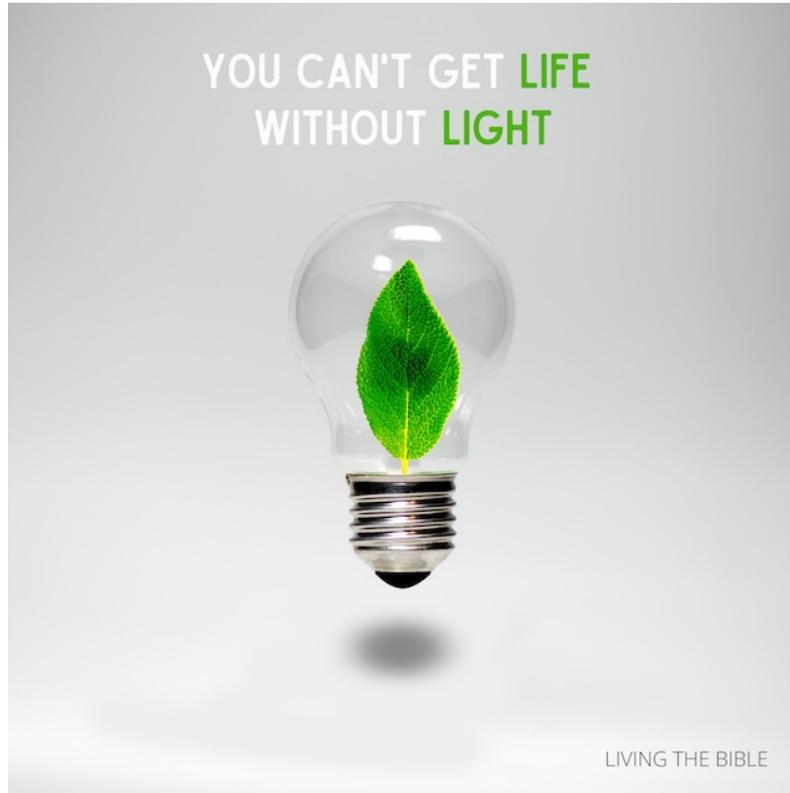


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# GOD'S LAMP

EXODUS 25:31-40



Do you know anyone that enjoys darkness? None of us do, do we? Well, maybe criminals. But apart from them, we don't like the darkness. We associate darkness with danger and death. Light, on the other hand is safety and life.

The Bible goes even further and tells us that there's a darkness inside us that's no less dangerous or deadly. It's a moral and spiritual darkness that prevents us from seeing moral and spiritual truths about God.

Keep that in mind today as we re-visit the Holy Place room in the Tabernacle. Opposite the golden table is the golden lamp, which we can read about in Exodus 25:31-40 and a few other places too.

## LEARNING

### **GOD IS THE LIGHT-GIVER**

The lamp was made from 75 pounds of gold. The base supported one main pipe, with six other smaller pipes branching out on either side of it, with a lamp burning on each end. One of the priests' tasks was to keep the lamp burning so that it was never extinguished (Ex. 27:20-21).

God was telling Israel. I am your light-giver. I am your safety and security in a dark world. I will give you my light in a dark and dangerous world. But even more than that, I will shine not just around you but inside you. I will dispel your inner darkness with my light. I am the light-giver.

GOD LIGHTENS AND BRIGHTENS  
OUR WORLD AND OUR SOUL.

What does this light produce? It produces life.

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## GOD IS THE LIFE-GIVER

The lamp was designed to look like a tree (perhaps to remind them of the Tree of Life). Each branch of the golden lamp was carved with shapes representing the three stages of life in an almond tree: bud, blossom, fruit. It was a beautiful fruit-bearing tree. Without light, nothing grows, everything dies. God designed this tree-like lamp to show that by being the light-giver, he was also the life-giver.

YOU CAN'T GET LIFE  
WITHOUT LIGHT.

LOVING

What New Testament verse does this combination of light and life remind you of? How about, Jesus's words: **"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life"** (John 8:21). Jesus was saying, the golden lamp has come alive to give light and life to the world. He didn't just light up the holy place, but the world. His coming made the world a brighter and better place, a safer and happier place.

But, he doesn't just give light to the world, he puts it inside his people also. They **will have the light of life**. It will give them moral and spiritual light so that they can see and understand God. As Paul said, **For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord** (Eph. 5:8-10).

Christ is God's light-giver and life-giver. He is the light of the world and the Tree of Life who not only produces fruit in the world, but in his people.

LIVING

Use God's living Lamp to give light and life to your soul and so be light and life to others.

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