



Let Your Light Shine (Part Two)

People Are Perishing **Isaiah 66:22-24**

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Objective and Aim: Everyone should invest their lives into reaching others because of the Biblical reasons that God reveals concerning His love for people. This is part two of the message *Let Your Light Shine*. Part one was *Let Your Light Shine Because People are the Closest Thing to God's Heart*.

Introduction: One of the big problems we have in the world today is that we have a one sided view of God. So tell me what is God like? *Not Love Only (Just a Thought Jan.01):* There are two sides to everything, and not even God is exempt from this truth. His two sides— He is love and He is just. If the Lord was only just, and His primary concern was punishing us for violating His commands; He would not be love for He who is only just is cruel. On the other side of the coin, if God allowed us to violate the laws that provide for life, liberty and the pursuit happiness for all without consequence; He would not be just. Many look only at God's love without considering His righteousness. Others only look at His justice without giving consideration to His love: both views are one sided. Twenty first century people have a tendency to observe the love side of His nature. The persons who view only this side of God have a propensity for doing whatever seems right in their own eyes. They believe that they are subject only to "their belief" and what they determine to be right or wrong. Accountability, righteousness and justice do not fit into this politically correct theology. God's standard, that to which we will be held accountable, is outlined in His Ten Commandments. Publius Syrus declared, "He hurts the good who spares the bad."

Matt. 5:13-16 the salt ... and light ... so let your light shine because God is love and God is just. Let your light shine because we can rescue a generation.

- I. **People are perishing** (*Rev. 20:10-15* The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. ¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found

no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

1. **Lovers Of Darkness are Perishing** (*Jn. 3:16-19 ... This is the verdict [condemnation]: Light has come into the world, but **people loved darkness** instead of light because their deeds were evil).*
 - a. *Fyodor Mikhailovich Dostoyevski (1821-1881)*: What is hell? The suffering that comes from the consciousness that one is no longer able to love.
 - b. *Pastor Dan: What is the worst of all sins? Dante Alighier gives a good answer: **If you insist on having your own way, you will get it.*** Hell is the enjoyment of your own way forever. *Ro. 1:21-32 (v24, v26, v28)*
 - c. *Pastor Dan*: God will give you whatever you want if you persist in seeking it, even if it is wrong for you (*I Samuel chapter 8*).
 - d. *C.S. Lewis*: There are two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, “Your will be done,” and those to whom God says, in the end, “Your will be done.” I willingly believe that the damned are, in one sense, successful rebels to the end; that the doors of hell are locked on the inside.
 - e. *Heb. 9:27* It is appointed unto man once to die and after that the judgment.
 - f. *Heb 2:1-4* We [believers] must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation. . . .
 - g. *Ro. 6:23* The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord
 - h. *Thomas Merton; 1915-1968*: Hell is where no one has anything in common with anybody else except the fact that they all hate one another and cannot get away from one another and from themselves.
- II. **Rescue a Generation** (*2 Chron.34:1-28 (NIV)* *Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. ² He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD and followed the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left. ⁸ In the eighteenth year of Josiah’s reign, to purify the land and the temple, he sent Shaphan son of Azaliah and Maaseiah the ruler of the city, with Joah son of Joahaz, the recorder, to repair the temple of the LORD his God. ¹² The workers labored faithfully ... ¹⁴ While they were bringing out the money that had been taken into the temple of the LORD, Hilkiah the priest found the Book of the Law of the LORD that had been given through Moses. ¹⁸ Then Shaphan the secretary informed the king, “Hilkiah the priest has given me a book.” And Shaphan read from it in the presence of the king. ²² Hilkiah and those the king had sent with him^[b] went to speak to the prophet Huldah, who was the wife of Shallum son of Tokhath ... ²³ She said to them, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: Tell the man who sent you to me, ²⁴ ‘This is what the LORD says: I am going to bring disaster on this place and its people—all the curses written in*

the book that has been read in the presence of the king of Judah. ²⁵ Because they have forsaken me and burned incense to other gods and aroused my anger by all that their hands have made,^[e] my anger will be poured out on this place and will not be quenched.’ ²⁶ Tell the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the LORD, ‘This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says concerning the words you heard: ²⁷ Because your heart was responsive and you humbled yourself before God when you heard what he spoke against this place and its people, and because you humbled yourself before me and tore your robes and wept in my presence, I have heard you, declares the LORD. ²⁸ Now I will gather you to your ancestors, and you will be buried in peace. Your eyes will not see all the disaster I am going to bring on this place and on those who live here.)

- A. **God is two things: God is love; God is just. God’s love took Him to the cross where He assumed the responsibility for our sins and took our place in judgment. God’s just nature caused Him to judge the world for their sins in Noah’s day with a flood and will cause Him to judge the world again soon in the Battle of Armageddon. **Gen. 6:5-8 (NLT)** “The LORD observed the extent of human wickedness on the earth, and he saw that everything they thought or imagined was consistently and totally evil. ⁶ So the LORD was sorry he had ever made them and put them on the earth. It broke his heart. ⁷ And the LORD said, “I will wipe this human race I have created from the face of the earth. Yes, and I will destroy every living thing—all the people, the large animals, the small animals that scurry along the ground, and even the birds of the sky. I am sorry I ever made them.” ⁸ But Noah found favor with the LORD. **Rev. 19:11-25** I saw heaven opened, and a white horse was standing there. Its rider was named Faithful and True, for he judges fairly and wages a righteous war. ¹² His eyes were like flames of fire, and on his head were many crowns. A name was written on him that no one understood except himself. ¹³ He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his title was the Word of God. ¹⁴ The armies of heaven, dressed in the finest of pure white linen, followed him on white horses. ¹⁵ From his mouth came a sharp sword to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod. He will release the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty, like juice flowing from a winepress. ¹⁶ On his robe at his thigh^[e] was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords. ¹⁷ Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, shouting to the vultures flying high in the sky: “Come! Gather together for the great banquet God has prepared. ¹⁸ Come and eat the flesh of kings, generals, and strong warriors; of horses and their riders; and of all humanity, both free and slave, small and great. ¹⁹ Then I saw the beast and the kings of the world and their armies gathered together to fight against the one sitting on the horse and his army. ²⁰ And the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who did mighty miracles on behalf of the beast—miracles that deceived all who had accepted the mark of the beast and who worshiped his statue. Both the beast and his false prophet were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. ²¹ Their entire army was killed by the sharp sword that came from the mouth of the one riding the white horse. And the vultures all gorged themselves on the dead bodies.**
1. **Make disciples (Matt. 28:18-20 NKJV)** And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore^[a] and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and

lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.)

- a. **Francis Bacon:** Here is a test to see if your mission on earth is finished. If you are alive—it isn't.
- b. **Matt. 5:13-16 Bill Hybals:** The church is the hope of the world
- c. **Ernest Renan:** To act well in the world, one must die within oneself. Man is not on this earth only to be happy, he is not there to be simply honest, he is there to realize great things for humanity, to attain nobility and to surpass the vulgarity in which the existence of almost all individuals drags on.
- d. **C. S. Lewis:** The...salvation of human souls, is the real business of life.
- e. **1 Pet. 2:9 (NKJV)** But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light

Closing and Invitation: Dr. T. L. Osborn; Soulwinning: You don't need a special call to influence people for Christ. God has placed you where you are in life to be His contact there! You are there—among your classmates, in your factory, in your neighborhood. You are God's connection with those around you. Be His witness. Let Him speak through you. Your golden opportunity as a Christian is to let your light shine, to witness, to share the gospel with the unchurched. This is your finest purpose in life.

Pastor Dan: As a young man I thought that it was unfair of God to bring me into this world and place before me a choice of heaven or hell. He didn't give me a choice about whether I wanted to exist and so if I decided not to serve Him, He was going to send me to hell. It didn't seem fair, right or just. I didn't want to go to heaven and I didn't want to go to hell. I didn't want to live in the first place. After experiencing the disappointing reality of my own way and the choices I made—I became a Christian. Then I understood that Christ, through His death on the cross assumed the responsibility for everything wrong that I have done or would ever do. All I had to do was walk with Him through life. That made life fair and then I would understand it all when I see God.