



"Let There Be LIGHT-- Tracing its Healing Influence Through the Bible"



Sunrise over Arkansas River Valley, Buena Vista CO

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,² the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God^[b] swept over the face of the waters.³ Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light (Gen 1:1-3).

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

Bible Study Guide

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Study Questions

1.	Describe the process of literal photosynthesis.	What might	'spiritual
	photosynthesis' be?		

2. Look carefully at the 'Genesis light' described in Gen. 1:1-2. What specific state(s) existed prior to the introduction of light? What did light explicitly do to those states? How does this apply to your life?

- 3. What is a name for God used by the New Testament writer in James 1:17? How could you apply this to issues like global warming or war?
- 4. Which Egyptian plague does light play a key role in prior to the Exodus experience? (See Ex. 10:23) How can you apply this Biblical experience to your life today?
- 5. Why is light associated with the Word of God? (See Ps. 119:105) To answer this, first define what the Israelites meant by 'the Word of God'. Why could it not return void, for example, as in Isa. 55:11?





6.	What are the two part functions of Biblical light? Have you experienced both in your life or that of your family?
7.	One of Jesus' seven "I am" statements is related to light. See John 8:12. Notice what healing is near this passage. Explore at least one other "I am" statement in John and see if there is a pattern.
8.	Given Paul's special relationship with light (i.e. his blindness on the road to Damascus), explain what he means in 2 Cor. 4:4, and 4:6.
9.	Examining a third aspect of light in the Scriptures, see Eph. 5:8 and explain the difference between the 'Genesis light' at creation and the light Christ Jesus describes in John's Gospel (noted above).
10	. What new aspect of light has been meaningful to you in this study?