

# Hanukkah And How We Light Up Our World

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# START

Start your study by inviting God's presence to meet with you as you study His word.

# MAIN VERSES

1 John 1:5 John 9:5 John 12:35 John 12:36 Matthew 5:14-16

# **OVERVIEW**

Hanukkah has two very important and intertwined themes. One is faithful dedication to God and His ways and the other is light, symbolic of life and revelation. Both of these themes are more relevant than ever before. Our nation and world is blanketed with a pervasive darkness that grips, torments, and imprisons many souls. The nations' only hope is the light of God. That light, which grants illumination, revelation, life, and liberty, is in fact, Yeshua the Messiah. He alone is the light of God and life of humanity. He came that we might escape the kingdom of darkness and rush into His Kingdom of Light! This is where Hanukkah's theme of light is being actualized! Everyone who embraces Yeshua as the Light of God! In Yeshua we are dedicated to God and His salvation. In Yeshua, we become children of light. During this season of Hanukkah, re-embrace Yeshua, the Light and Revelation of God. Rededicate yourself to His ways and His commandments. This is the meaning and fullness of Hanukkah. Happy Hanukkah to one and all for Messiah has come and lit our hearts aflame for God and His Kingdom!

# CONTENT

Read 1 John 1:5

What does it mean that God is Light?

Understanding that "light" in the Bible represents life, truth, revelation, and illumination, this would mean that God is the origin of all life, truth, and revelation. He is the one who reveals what is true, right, and good. In Him we are illuminated and therefore can begin to discern all reality and truth.

#### Read John 9:5 and John 12:35

Do these verses imply that the Light of God (Jesus) would not remain in our world?

Yes it does! Jesus did exit our world fairly soon after His resurrection. He ascended into heaven and now sits at the right hand of God.

#### Read John 12:36 and Matthew 5:14-16

#### Seeing how we are now the Light of the World, how can we light up our world today?

We do this the same way that Jesus did. We reveal and speak truth in love and with deep conviction and passion. We speak the truth about who God is, His plan of salvation, and how He wants us to live our lives. In doing so, some will come into the "light" through faith in Jesus. Many others will mock, oppress, persecute, assault, and sometimes murder us. How this world responded to Jesus, the Light of the World, is the same way it will respond to us, the children of the Light. Some will love us, others will hate us.

#### TAKE ACTION

This week, pray and look for opportunities to compassionately share truth. Step out in faith and let your light (revelation of God, Jesus, and His commandments) be heard. You are the hope of all those around you. Speak boldly on the issues confronting us. Do so with compassion and peace in mind as a representative of the King of Heaven. Your "Light" will shine brightly on the path that will lead many to salvation. Always keep in mind that you are not alone but are part of a vast and growing Kingdom of Light which has no end! So, be that Hanukkiah and together we will light up our world for Jesus, the Light of the World!