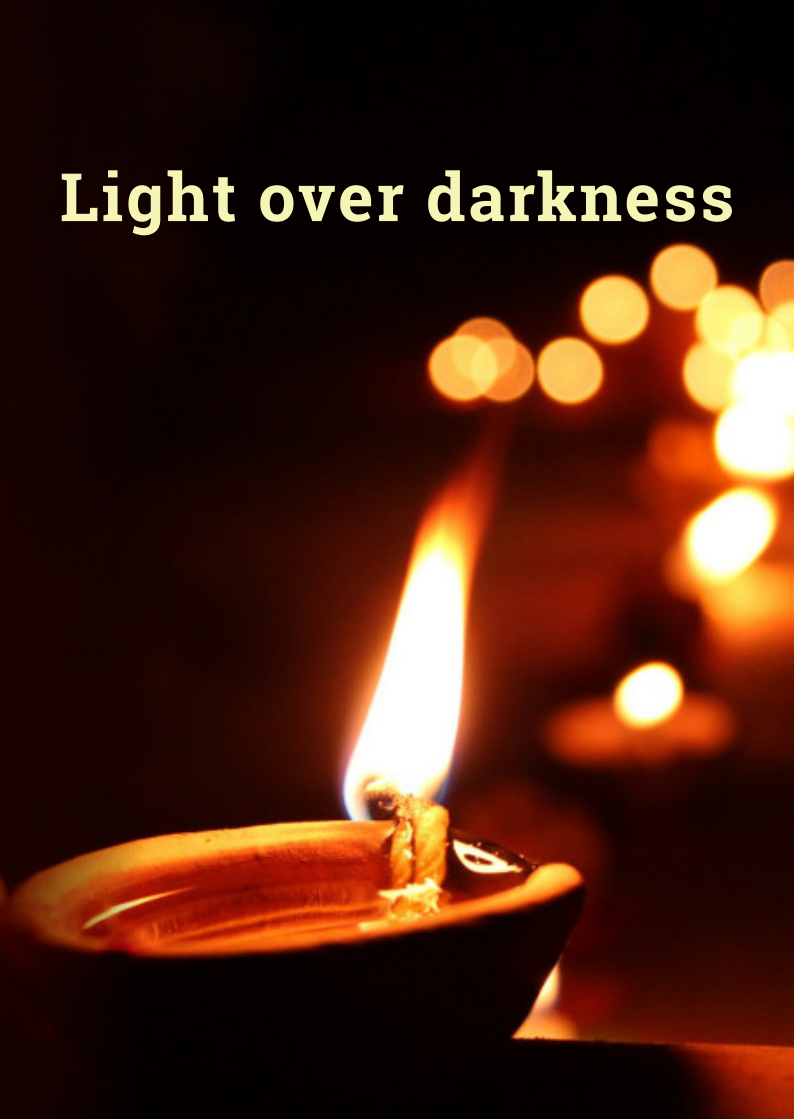
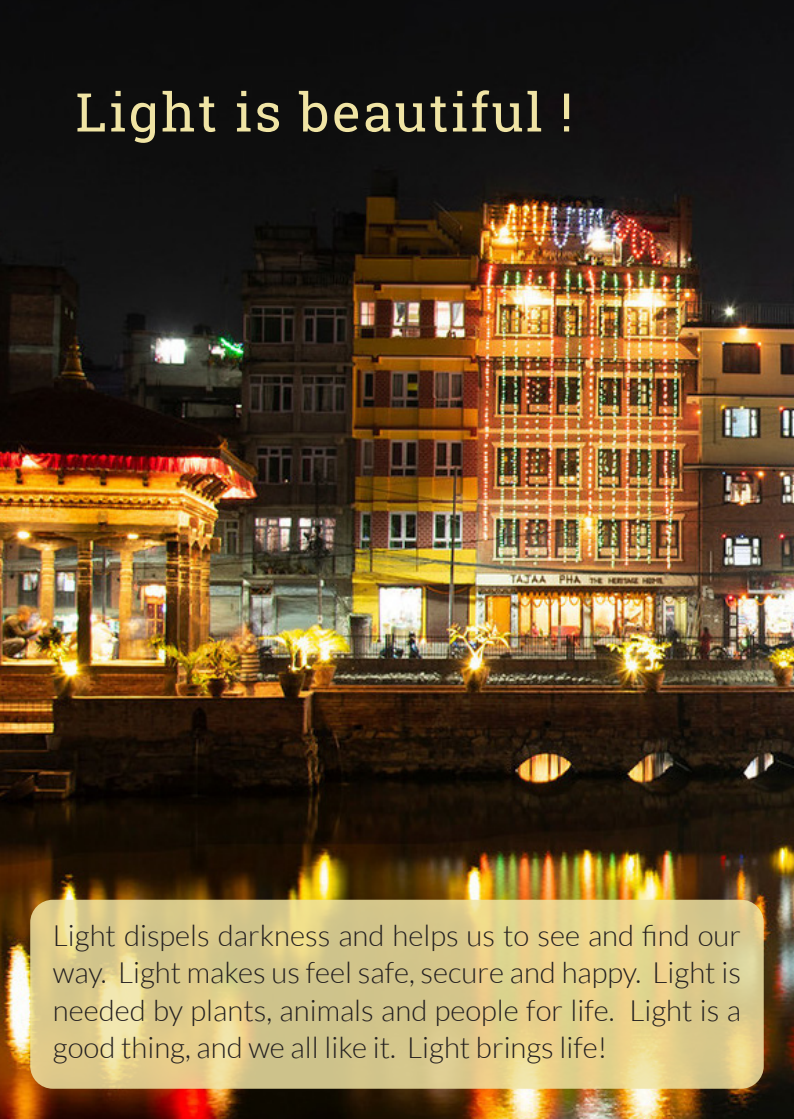
Light over darkness



Light is beautiful !



Light dispels darkness and helps us to see and find our way. Light makes us feel safe, secure and happy. Light is needed by plants, animals and people for life. Light is a good thing, and we all like it. Light brings life!

How lovely it is to see houses,
villages and cities full of light!





Darkness

Yet our world is full of darkness.

It's dark when the sun is down, or when there is no electricity at night, but there are other kinds of darkness too.

There is darkness in the world such as poverty, sickness, suffering and death. And there is darkness in people as well, in their thoughts, actions and hearts. Arguments, fighting, disunity, worries, bad dreams, and suicide are examples of this darkness.

Most of us try to stay away from these things because they bring tension, sadness and death. We don't like the darkness.

But as much as we want the light, we actually contribute to the darkness! All of us do things that are not good and that hurt others even if we try not to. These bad actions have brought on us and our family dishonour and shame. We are all born with evil desires and thoughts that bring spiritual darkness. You and I are a source of darkness, and this darkness destroys us and our world. Darkness brings death!

Our Desire

Most of us want to escape the darkness in ourselves and in the world. We want health, wealth, a long life and protection from things that hurt us because we believe this will make us happy.



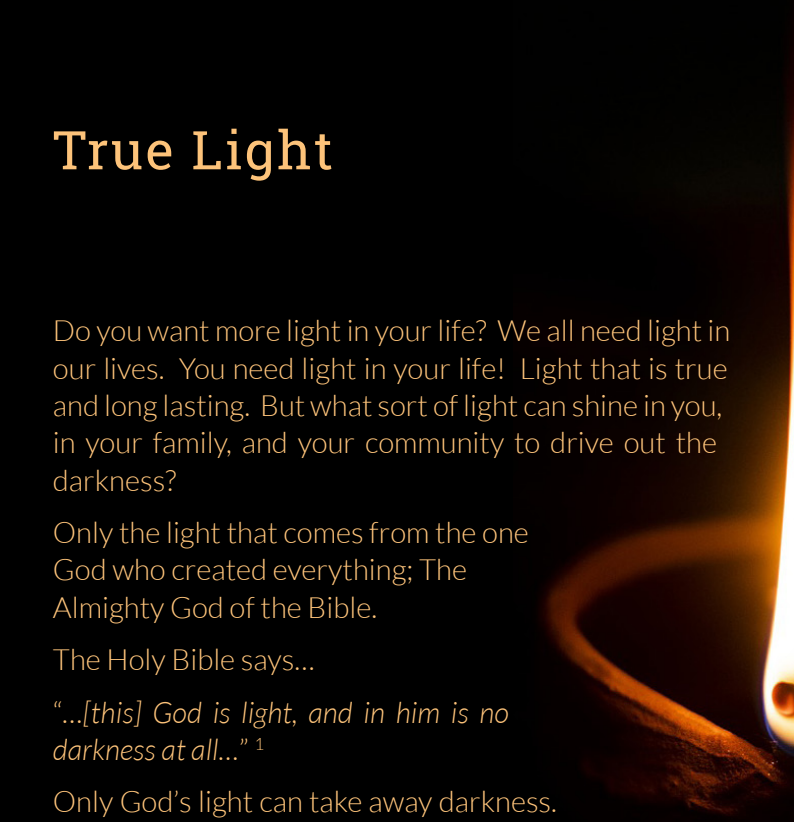
This is why we feed crows to stop them making their sound which reminds us of death.



This is why we invite prosperity into our home, and why we thank our brothers who are meant to protect us.

Yet bad things still happen to us and those we love. No matter what we do, we can't stop the darkness from invading our lives, our homes and our world. We are powerless to stop it.

True Light



Do you want more light in your life? We all need light in our lives. You need light in your life! Light that is true and long lasting. But what sort of light can shine in you, in your family, and your community to drive out the darkness?

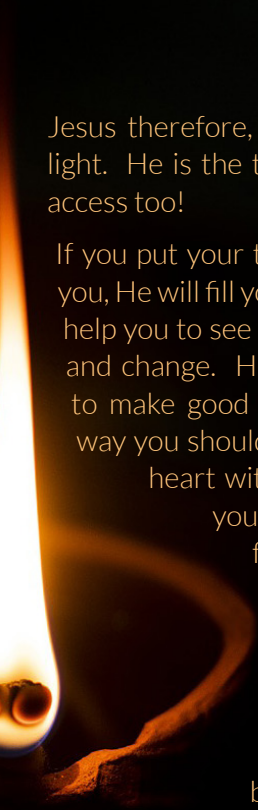
Only the light that comes from the one God who created everything; The Almighty God of the Bible.

The Holy Bible says…

"…[this] God is light, and in him is no darkness at all…" [1]

Only God's light can take away darkness. To make a way for you to have this light, God came from heaven to earth in the form of a man named Jesus, many years ago. Jesus says…

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." [2]



Jesus therefore, is the source by which you get God's light. He is the true light of the world that we all have access too!

If you put your trust in Jesus and allow Him to change you, He will fill you with the true light of God.[3] Jesus will help you to see the darkness in your own life called sin, and change. He will give you wisdom and knowledge to make good choices, and He will guide you in the way you should go day by day. Jesus will also fill your heart with love, joy, and peace. He will restore your honour and take away your shame by forgiving your sin if you believe in Him. Jesus will fill your dark heart with light! If you follow Jesus, you will not walk in darkness.

In addition to this, when you follow Jesus, you will help to make the world better by reflecting His good light, because Jesus is the true light of the world.

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[1] From the Holy Bible, 1 John chapter 1 verse 5
[2] From the Holy Bible, John chapter 8 verse 12
[3] By His Holy Spirit.



No More Darkness

God therefore is the one that provides light. And this light is only available through God's Son Jesus. Jesus is the true light that the world needs! Jesus was sent by God to take away darkness and replace it with light. And He has by being sacrificed for your sin dark actions. He suffered in your place, paying the price so that you could be forgiven. But only if you believe in Him. Therefore, God has offered you a way to get out of the darkness and into his eternal light. In this life, those who believe in Jesus still live in our dark world, but it does not have power over them, because they walk in the light with Jesus.

But God will soon use His power to change our dark world too! Jesus promises to come again to fully destroy the Devil and all his evil work. Only Jesus has the power to defeat all the evil of this world. Jesus promises to bring all those who believe in Him to a new place called Heaven. Heaven will be a perfect world, with no more crying, suffering and death. God's people will be loved by Him and part of His family forever. They will share in all his riches. Heaven will not have any darkness, pain, sin, or evil, but instead be filled with beautiful light, directly from God, forever! Therefore, those who believe in Jesus do not have to live with fear anymore because they have a bright future. Jesus will bring total and complete victory over darkness, because he is light!





How can we receive this light?

Jesus is the only way to a life without darkness. To a life filled with light.

And Jesus offers this light to you now as a free gift if you invite him into your life. But how?

If you want this light in your life now, simply ask for it by saying something like this.

"*Jesus, please save me from my darkness and give me your light*"

Jesus can hear you because He is the God who created you. Jesus says,

"I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness."

When you put your trust in Jesus to save you, you can be sure that you have escaped from the dark consequences of your sin because you have been forgiven! The Holy Bible makes this clear…

If we walk in the light, as he is in the light… the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."

If you have believed in Jesus, you can have peace knowing that after this life, you now have life forever in Heaven with God as your friend.



[4] See the Holy Bible, John chapter 14 verse 6
[5] From the Holy Bible, John chapter 12 verse 46
[6] From the Holy Bible, 1 John chapter 1 verses 5 and 7

What now?

If you have believed in Jesus, it is important to learn more so He can start changing you and your dark actions. Reading or listening to the Bible is the best way to do this. Start with the Gospel of Mark. You can easily find the Bible online if you search for "Nepali Bible" or follow the links below. Or you can ask the person who gave you this booklet for a Bible. The Bible is God's words for you. It will be a lamp for your feet and a light for your path. So read it every day.

Jesus is the only light that brings knowledge, hope, security and joy in this dark world. Light brings peace, and we can only find this true light in Jesus, because Jesus is the light of the world!

If you have not yet believed in Jesus, then you will remain in darkness, until you do. Don't wait to start walking in His light, put your trust in Him today!

[7] From the Holy Bible, Psalm chapter 119 verse 105

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