Treasure Hunt

- Who is the Light of the World?
- What is the difference between a city on a hill and a lamp in a house?
- How do we fulfill our role as a city on a hill?
- How do we fulfill our role as a lamp in the house?
- What two principles tell us how to shine our light?

The Structure of the Sermon

	Setting	4:25-5:2	7:28-8:1
Consequences	Blessings & Warnings	5:3-12	7:13-27
	Our Mission	5:13-16	
	Law & Prophets	5:17-19	7:12b
Conduct	Toward Man	5:20-48	7:1-12a
	Toward God	6:1-18	6:19-34

Light in the NT

Its function:

Joh 3:19 ... light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be **reproved**. 21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be **made manifest**, that they are wrought in God.

The Lord Jesus is the Light:

Joh 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, **I am the light of the world**: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Ancient Prophecies:

Num 24:17 ... there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.

2Sa 23:4 And *he shall be* **as the light of the morning**, *when* the sun riseth, *even* a morning without clouds; *as* the tender grass *springing* out of the earth by clear shining after rain.

Mal 4:2 But unto you that fear my name shall the **Sun of righteousness** arise with healing in his wings;

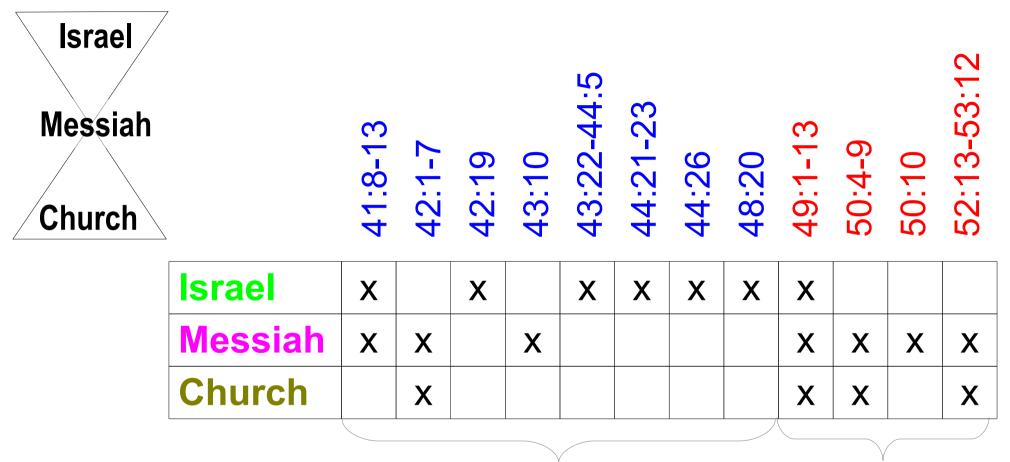
The early believers' Testimony:

Luk 1:78 ... **the dayspring from on high** hath visited us, 79 **To give light** to them that sit in darkness and *in* the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Joh 1:6 There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John. 7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all *men* through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light. 9 *That* was **the true Light**, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

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The Servant Hourglass



"Servant" is Mostly Israel "Servant" is Mostly Messiah

In ch. 58-66

- "Servant" becomes "Servants"
- Messianic prophecies emphasize Deity

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Broken Alternation in 5:13-16

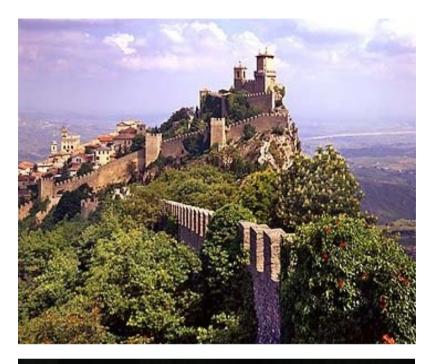
	Salt	Light
Metaphor	13 Ye are the salt of the earth:	14 Ye are the light of the world.
Parable(s)	but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.	A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.
Command	?	16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Light in Two Directions

14b A city that is set on an hill **cannot be hid.**

14a Ye are the light of the world.

15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto **all that are in the house.**





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A City Set on a Hill

The Kingdom Expectation:

Isa 2:2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, *that* the **mountain** of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. 3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the **mountain** of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of **Zion** shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

[to Zion:] Isa 60:1 **Arise, shine**; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.

For believers now:

Eph 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but **now are ye light in the Lord**: walk as children of light: ... 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather **reprove** *them*.

Phi 2:15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, **among whom ye shine as lights in the world**; 16 Holding forth the word of life;

Man's alternative:

Gen 11:4 Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top *may reach* unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

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"Candle" = Oil Lamp



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The Lamp in the House: Mark 4 = Luke 8

Mark 4:2 And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his doctrine, 3 Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow: ...

10 And **when he was alone**, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable. 11 And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, **all these things are done in parables: 12 That seeing they may see, and not perceive**; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and *their* sins should be forgiven them.

13 And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables? 14 The sower soweth the word. ...

21 And he said unto them, **Is a candle brought to be put under a bushel, or under a bed? and not to be set on a candlestick?**

The Lamp in the House: Luke 11

Extent	Matt 5:14-15	Luke 11:29-36
To all the world	14b A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.	29 And when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say, This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jonas the prophet. 30 For as Jonas was a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation. 31 The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation, and condemn them: for she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon <i>is</i> here. 32 The men of Nineve shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas <i>is</i> here.
To the community	15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.	33 No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth <i>it</i> in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light.
Individual		34 The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when <i>thine eye</i> is evil, thy body also <i>is</i> full of darkness. 35 Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness. 36 If thy whole body therefore <i>be</i> full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light.

The Lamp in the House

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

2Pe 3:1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in *both* which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: 2 That ye may **be mindful of [μιμνησκωμαι remember]** the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:

Jud 1:17 But, beloved, **remember ye the words** which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Recall...

Exo 10:22 And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days: 23 They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but **all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings**.