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“Light-Brights”

“Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter.” (Proverbs 24:11)

Shining Heroines

Exodus 1:15-21 – (15) “Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah (*brightness*) and the other Puah (*glitter, brilliancy*), (16) ‘When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live.’ (17) But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live. (18) So the king of Egypt called the midwives and said to them, ‘Why have you done this, and let the male children live?’ (19) The midwives said to Pharaoh, ‘Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.’ (20) So God dealt well with the midwives. And the people multiplied and grew very strong. (21) **And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families.**”

Light Source

John 12:35-36 – (35) “So Jesus said to them, ‘The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. (36) While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.’ When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them.”

2 Corinthians 4:6 – “For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

Ephesians 5:8 – “For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.”

Light-Haters

John 3:19-21 – (19) “And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. (20) For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. (21) But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

John 5:35 – “John was a lamp that burned and gave light, and you chose for a time to enjoy his light.” (NIV)

Shine Bright for Christ

Matthew 5:14-16 – (14) “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. (15) Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. (16) In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

Shining and Soul-Winning

Proverbs 11:30 – “The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise.”

Daniel 12:2-3 – (2) “And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. (3) And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

Isaiah 60:1-3 – (1) “Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. (2) For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. (3) And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.”

Shut-Up & Shine

Philippians 2:14-15 – (14) “Do all things without grumbling or disputing, (15) that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world”

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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