

Exodus 27:20–21  
*The Power & Patience of Jesus to Give Us Truth & Life*  
December 18, 2011  
Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. A Cycle of Weariness, Confusion & Hope

**Psalm 107:8–14**

<sup>8</sup> Let them thank the Lord for *his steadfast love*, for his wondrous works to the children of man! <sup>9</sup> For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

<sup>10</sup> **Some sat in darkness** and in the **shadow of death**, prisoners in affliction and in irons, <sup>11</sup> for they had rebelled against the words of God, and spurned the counsel of the Most High. <sup>12</sup> So he bowed their hearts down with hard labor; they fell down, with none to help. <sup>13</sup> Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. <sup>14</sup> **He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and burst their bonds apart.**

II. Keeping the Light Burning

A. Is this Just a Transition Paragraph?

**Exodus 27:20–21**

<sup>20</sup> “You shall command the people of Israel that they bring to you pure beaten olive oil for the light, that a lamp may regularly be set up to burn. <sup>21</sup> In the tent of meeting, outside the veil that is before the testimony, **Aaron and his sons** shall tend it from evening to morning before the LORD. It shall be a statute forever to be observed throughout their generations by the people of Israel.

B. Remembering God’s Guidance in the Wilderness

**Exodus 13:18, 21–22**

<sup>18</sup> But **God led** the people around by the way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea. ... <sup>21</sup> And the Lord

went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in ***a pillar of fire*** to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. <sup>22</sup> The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people.

### C. What Was Israel to Learn About God?

#### **Key Idea**

*We are prone to wander but one greater than our sin has come to save us from the shadow of death.*

### III. The True Light that Gives Life

#### **John 1:1–5, 9–13**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and ***the life was the light*** of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ...

<sup>9</sup> ***The true light***, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> *But to all who did receive him*, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who ***were born***, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but ***of God***.

### IV. Illustrations & Applications

#### A. Jesus Finds Us when we are Down

#### **Luke 15:17** (NASB; Cf. Luke 15:11–32)

<sup>17</sup> “But ***when he came to his senses***, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired men have more than enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger!’

## **Ephesians 2:4–6**

<sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup> even *when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ*—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus...

### B. Pursued & Protected by Jesus!

## **John 10:12–16, 26–30**

<sup>12</sup> He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> **I am the good shepherd.** I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and *I lay down my life for the sheep.* <sup>16</sup> And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. **I must bring them also,** and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ...

<sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> **I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.** <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one."

### C. If He Loved Us when We were at Our Worst...

## **Romans 5:8–10**

<sup>8</sup> but God shows his love for us in that *while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* <sup>9</sup> Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For *if while we were enemies* we were reconciled to

God by the death of his Son, **much more**, now that we are reconciled, **shall we be saved by his life**.

**Psalm 107:8–9**

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D. Five Exhortations

1. Abiding with God/Jesus is the goal
2. Remember God Grace in the Past
3. Look for Evidence of Grace Daily
4. Actively Seek Jesus Continually
5. Actively Seek His Help Continually (With sin particularly)