



Sermon
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“Yexus Yog Lub Teeb”

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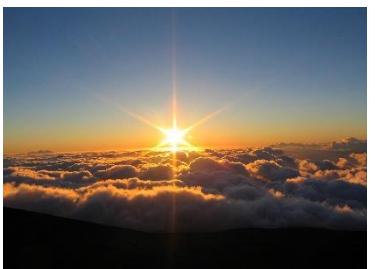
Thov txoj koobhmoov txojkev hhub thiab txojkev haumxeeb pub rau nej sawvdaws los ntawm Vajtsvv uas yog peb Leejtxiv uas yog peb tus Cawmseej Tswv Yexus Khetos. Asmees.

Isaiah 9:2 “The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. – *Cov tibneeg uas taug kev tsausntuj nti tau pom lub teeb zoo lawm. Lawv nyob hauv lub tebchaws ntawm duabntxoos ntawm txojkev tuag lub teeb twb tawm tuaj lawm.*” Nov yog Vajtsvv Txojlus. (Parallel – Matthew 4:16, Luke 1:79, 2:32, Ephesians 5:8, 1 Peter 2:9, Isaiah 50:10; 60:19, Micah 7:8)

Illustration “Light” (show picture men walking with a lantern)



Thaum tsis tau muaj cov faiv muaj ibtus txivneej “farmer – *tus tibneeg ua teb*” mus tham hluasnauj. Nws tus tub qhe nqa lub teeb taw taug kev kom nws pomkev. Tiamsis tus “farmer – *tus tibneeg ua teb*” hais rau nws tus tubqhe haistias, “Kuv yeej tsis nqa tej teeb ko li thaum kuv mus tham hluasnauj. Kuv yeej ibtxwm mus tsausntuj nti.” Yog li ntawd tus tubqhe thiaj li teb haistias, “Vim koj tsis nqa teeb taw kom koj pomkev, koj thiaj li ua tus nraug laus li ko. Koj thiaj li tsis tau muaj pojniam.” (Show sun above the cloud)



Tej huab txwv tsis tau lub hnub kom tsis txhob ci. Cov huab tsua yog los npog ib pliag losyog ib chim xwb. Txawm haistias nws yuav tsausntuj nti npaum li cas los dhau ntawm cov huab ntawd rau sab saud lub hnub tseem nyob nws li qub. Yog peb muab hais rau ntawm sab ntsujplig, peb tibneeg yuav ntsib kev nyuajsab kev txhawjxeeb nyob rau hauv peb lub neej. Peb lub neej tsua muaj nyob tsausntuj nti. Peb yuav nug Vajtsvv haistias, “Vajtsvv koj puas tseem nco txog kuv? Koj puas tseem hhub kuv? Lub hnub puas tseem yuav ci ntawm qhov tsaus ua kom kuv lub neej rov pomkev kajnrig? Yog peb ua tib zoo xav, Vajtsvv tseem yog lub teeb ci rau txhuayam huv tibs.

- I. Nyob rau Vajluskub Qub hnubno, Yaxayas hais 700 xyoo txog Yexus uantej Yexus yug. Yaxayas qhia rau haiv tibneeg Yixalayees kom lawv tsis txhob tag kev cia siab txawm lawv raug ntes kaw tsev lojcuj, lub tebchaw sibtua ua rog, lwm lub tebchaws tuaj txeeb lawv tej ntiagtug, thiab haiv tibneeg tseem mus ua kev txhaum los Vajtsvv txojkev hhub yeej tseem tsomkwm lawv. Vajtsvv tsis tau tso lawv tseg. Yaxayas haistias, tus uas yuav los no, yog tus yuav los ua lub teeb ci kom lawv rov pomkev kajnrig thiab au lub neej tshwjxeeb mus ibtxhis. Thaum Yexus yug los, nqis Vajluskub no thiaj li tiav raws li Yaxayas tau hais tseg. (Show Matthew 4:16)



Peb Txojmoozoo thiaj li sau haistias, “the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned – *Cov tibneeg uas nyob qhov tsaus ntuj pom lub teeb zoo lawm. Thiab cov tibneeg uas nyob hauv qhov tsaus ntuj uas yog txojkev tuag twb pom lub teeb tawm tuaj lawm.*” (Matthais 4:16) Lolus “light – teeb” nyob rau Vajluskub Qub ua keebkwm qhia txog tus vajntxwv uas muaj kev ncajncees, siab dawb thiab siab zoo. Nws yog tus tsomkwm nws haiv tibneeg thiab saib xyuas nws lub teb lub chaw rau qhov zoo kom muaj kev haumxeeb rau nws haiv tibneeg. Tiamsis Yaxayas sau haistias, tibneeg tseem nyob rau txojkev tsausntuj

nti tsis ntev lawv yuav rov pom lub teeb ci rau txojkev kajnrig. (Show in darkness)



Ntau zaug peb hais rau cov uas peb hlub thiab tshua tias kom lawv tsis txhob mus rau tej qhovchaw uas tsausntuj nti “nov txhais haistias yuav muaj kev txhaum” vim tej qhovchaw ntawd muaj tibneeg siab phem, muaj laib thiab ua ntau yam tsis zoo. Peb hais li ntawd vim peb couv laus twb pom losyog hnov tias tej ntawd yuav ua rau tibneeg lub neej puamtsuaj. Koj hais rau koj tej menuam, tej phoojywq, thiab lwmtus kom tsis txhob mus ua tej ntawd nyobtsam yuav muaj teebmeem rau lawv tus kheej. Peb tibneeg yeej paub haistias, cov tibneeg nyiam ua lub neej tsausntuj nti yeej tseem nyob rau txojkev txhaum. (Show burglar)

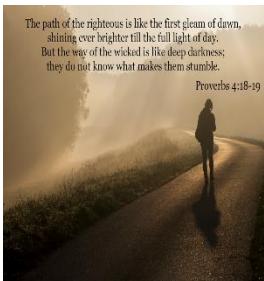


Cov “burglar – *tubsab*” nyiam nyiag khoom tsoo vajtsev thiab tsoo tsheb rau yav tsausntuj thiaj li tsis muaj leejtwg pom lawv txojkev ua phem. Feem ntau tibneeg ua txhaum, nws tsis xav kom lwmtus paub txog nws txojkev txhaum. Qhovno tus tibneeg tsis yog zais nws txojkev txhaum tsausntuj nti sabnraud xwb tiamsis nyob rau sabhauv los nws tseem ua lub neej tsausntuj nti. Tiamsis Yexus los rau lub ntiajteb no yog los ua lub teeb ci kom peb pomkev thiab nyob rau txojkev kajnríg. Yaxayas thiaj li sau haistias, “The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; – Cov tibneeg uas taug kev tsausntuj nti tau pom lub teeb zoo lawm.” (Yaxayas 9:2) (Show Luther Seal)

II.



Xim “black – *dub*” feem ntau yog lub cim rau txojkev txhaum. Nyob hauv Luther lub “seal – *cim*” muaj tus khaublig ntoo xim dub txhais haistias, peb txojkev txhaum ua rau Yexus taug. Cov ntaub samthiaj rau hnub “Good Friday – *Lub Liamtiam tsib uas yog hnub Yexus taug*” txhais haistias, txojkev txhaum coj txojkev taug los rau tibneeg. (Show Proverb 4:19)



Vajntxwv Xalaumoos thiaj li sau haistias, “The way of the wicked is darkness... - Cov tibneeg phem taug txojkev tsausntuj nti ibyam li hmontuj” (Pajlug 4:19) Koj yuav ua tus tibneeg nyob rau txojkev tsausntuj nti losyog ua tus nyob rau txojkev pomkev kajnríg? Paulus sau nws tsabntawv mus rau havneeg Efexaus haistias, “nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness. – Cov tibneeg uas nyob hauv qhov tsausntuj nyiam ua tej kev phem kev qias, nej tsis txhob mus nrog lawv ua, rau qhov tej ntawd yeej tsis muaj nqis.” (Efexaus 5:11) Yexus thiaj li haistias, “Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you – Thaum tseem pomkev yijmeem taug kev, nyobtsam txojkev tsausntuj los kav koj.” (Yauhas 12:35) Ximdub zais kev txhaum. (Show Lang in Police uniform)



Thaum kuv tseem ua tub ceevxwm, peb cov tub ceevxwm sibhloov ua haujlwm rau yav tsausntuj. Cov teebmeem feem ntau tshwm rau yav tsausntuj. Koj thiab kuv nes, peb puas zais peb txojkev txhaum? Peb zais kom tsis muaj leejtwg pom thiab tsis muaj leejtwg paub puas yog? Coob leej ntau tus haistias, “I hope no one saw me do that – *Kuv xav haistias tsis muaj leejtwg pom kuv ua li ntawd.*” Txojkev uas yuav dim txojkev tsausntuj no ces yog ntawm peb tus Tswv Yexus Khetos tibleeg xwb. Vajtsww txib Nws tus Tub los ua qhov kaj rau ntawm qhov tsaus. Tus uas yuav dim ntawm txojkev tsaus no ces tsuas yog tus uas ntseeg thiab cia siab rau Vajtsww tus Tub Yexus Khetos. VimYexus

Yog lub teeb ci rau ntiajteb pomkev. (Show light shining on earth)

III.

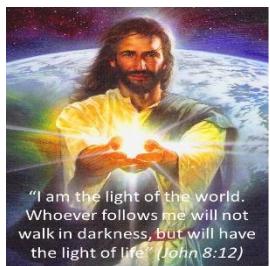
Yexus ua lub teeb ci rau ntiajteb kom peb paub peb cov kev txhaum uas tseem nyob rau qhov tsausntuj nti kom



peb tig los lees tej kev txhaum ntawd thiaj li yuav cawm tau peb. Tus Thwjtum Paulus thiaj li sau haistias, “I would not have known what sin was except through the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, “Do not covet.” – *Kuv yeej tsis paub kev txhaum yog tsis muaj txoj kevcai. Yog txoj kevcai tsis haistias, “Tsis txhob ntshaw luag tug”* (Romans 7:7) “...Through the law we become conscious of sin – *Los ntawm txoj kevcai peb thiaj li paub txog txojkev txhaum.*” (Romans 3:20) Yauhas sau ntawm tshooj 3 haistias, “Light has come into the world, but men loved

darkness more than light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear his deeds will be exposed – *Qhov pomkev twb los rau lub ntiajteb no, tiamtsis tibneeg nyiam qhov tsausntuj heevduas ntawm qhov pomkev vim lawv nyiam ua phem. Txhuatus ua phem yeej ntxub qhov pomkev, thiab tsis los nyob rau ntawm qhov pomkev rau qhov lawv tsis xav kom sawvdaws pom lawv tej kev phem.*" (Yauhas 3:19-21) Yog lwmtus nthuav koj tej kev phem rau lwmtus paub thiab pom, koj puas yuav npautaws losyog chim? Yog koj tsis muaj kev txhaum ces koj tsis tas yuav txhawj txog li puas yog?

Cov kwvtij hlub thiab movtshua ntawm Tswv Yexus lub npe. Yexus los ua lub teeb ci rau koj tej kev txhaum uas yog ntxuav thiab zam tagnrho koj tej kev txhaum huv tibsi lawm. Vim li no Yexus thiaj li haistias, "I am the light of the world – *Kuv yog lub teeb ci rau ntiajteb pomkev.*" Nws los ris koj txojkev txhaum uas yog lub txim thiab ua txhuayam kom koj thiab kuv muaj feem mus tau rau ntawm Vajtsww. Nws los ua lub teeb ci uas yog tuag saum tus ntoo khaublig kom koj pomkev ntawm qhov tsaus los mus tau qhovkaj ntawm Vajtsww kom koj thiab kuv mus tau txojsia ibtxhis thiab ibtxhis. (**Show Jesus the Light of the world**)



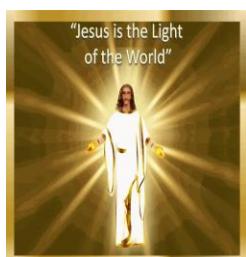
Yexus haistias, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life – *Kuv yog lub teeb cia rau ntiajteb pomkev. Tus uas raws kuv qab yuav tsis taug t xo jkev tsausntuj nti tiamsis, tau lub teeb uas yog t xo jsia.*" (Yauhas 8:12) Paulus sau haistias "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ – "*Cia lub teeb ci ntawm qhov tsausntuj tuaj thiab cia lub teeb ci hauv peb lub siab tuaj qhia kom peb paub Vajtsww lub koobmeej rau ntawm Yexus Khetos lub ntsejmuag.*" (2 Kauleethaus 4:6)

Yauhas sau haistias, "The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp – *Hauv lub nroog ntawd tsis muaj hnub lossis hli ci, rau qhov Vajtsww lub koomeej yeej ci ntsa iab tuaj rau hauv, thiab tus menyuam Yaj yog lub teeb uas ci rau sawvdaws pomkev.*" (Tshwmsim 21:23)

Niajhnuv nimno peb tseem nyob rau t xo jkev txhaum uas yog t xo jkev tsausntuj nti. Yaxayas thiaj li haistias, "The people walking in darkness... *Cov tibneeg uas taug kev tsausntuj nti...*" Nov yog txhais li cas rau koj thiab rau kuv? Cia kuv muab hais yoojyim kom koj totaub li no. (**Show dirty car with mud and clean car**)



Yog muaj av lo lub tsheb, yog koj tsis ntxuav ces thaum koj tsav tsheb yuav ua rau koj tsis pomkev. Tiamsis thaum koj mus muab dej coj los ntxuav cov av ntawd tag lawm, koj rov pomkev. Nov zoo nkaus li peb tus Cawmseej Tswv Yexus Khetos twb siv Nws cov ntshav los ntxuav peb t xo jkev txhaum uas yog zamtxim rau peb tej kev txhaum los ntawm Nws t xo jkev hlub. Thaum uas Vajtsww hu koj los ua Nws tus menyuam, koj twb pomkev kajnrig tsis nyob rau qhov tsaus lawm. Vim nws twb ua lub teeb ci rau koj pom ntawm qhov tsau rau ntawm qhov kaj lawm. (**Show Jesus is the Light of the world**)



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