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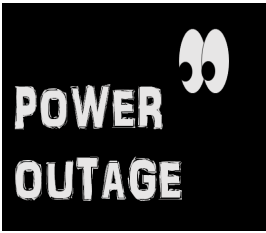
“Pomkev Kajnrig”

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

Yaxayas 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 neeg uas taug kev tsausntuj nti tau pomkev kajnrig. Lawv nyob hauv lub tebchaws uas tsausntuj nti nimno tshav ntuj ci kajnrig rau lawv lawm.*” Nov yog Vajtswv Txojlus. (Cross-reference – Mathais 4:16, Lukas 1:79, 2:32, Efexaus 5:8, 1 Petus 2:9, Yaxayas 50:10; 60:19, Mikhas 7:8)

Illustration “darkness” (Power outage)



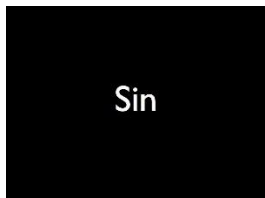
Xyoo dhau los muaj ib hnuv cua hlob thiab xubnag los ntau heev rau ntawm peb thajtsam Richville. Cov faifab tau tuag ua rau peb nyob tsausntuj nti. Cov menyuam ntshai vim tsis muaj teeb ua rau lawv pomkev. Yog li ntawd dhau li 1 hours tomqab cov faifab mam li rov tuaj thiab tej teeb tej rov taws, cov menyuam mam li kajsiab vim lawv rov pomkev lawm. Qhov no txhais tau rau peb haistias yog peb tsis muaj teeb ua rau peb pomkev, peb yuav nyob nyuajsiab thiab ua tsis tau ntau yam. Peb yuavtsum muaj teeb peb thiaj li pomkev kajnrig ua neej.

I. Nyob rau peb qhov Vajluskub Qub hnuvno, Yaxayas tau hais 800 xyoo uantej Yexus yug los. Yaxayas qhia rau haivneeg Yixalayees kom lawv tsis txhob tag kev cia siab txawm lawv raug ntes kaw tsev lojcuaj, lub tebchaw sibtua ua rog, lwm lub tebchaws tuaj txeeb lawv tej ntiagtug, thiab haivneeg tseem mus ua kev txhaum los Vajtswv txojkev hlub yeej tseem tso mkwm lawv. Vajtswv tsis tau tso lawv tseg. Yaxayas haistias, tus uas yuav los no, yog tus yuav los ua lub teebci kom lawv rov pomkev kajnrig tau lub neej tshwjxeeb li qub. (Show Matthew 4:16)



Thaum Yexus yug los, nqis Vajluskub no thiaj li tiav raws li Yaxayas tau prophesize. Peb Txojmoozoo thiaj li haistias, “the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned – *Cov neeg uas nyob qhov tsaus ntuj yuav pomkev kaj nrig. Thiab txojkev kaj ntawd yuav ci rau cov neeg uas nyob hauv qhov tsaus ntuj uas yog txojkev tuag.*” (Matthew 4:16). Lolus “light – teeb” nyob rau Vajluskub Qub ua keebkwm qhia txog tus vajntxwv uas muaj kev ncaincees, siab dawb thiab siab zoo. Nws yog tus tso mkwm nws haivneeg thiab saib xyuas nws lub teb lub chaw rau qhov zoo kom muaj kev haumxeeb rau nws

haivneeg. Tiamsis Yaxayas sau haistias, tibneeg tseem nyob rau txojkev tsausntuj nti tsis nev lawv yuav rov pom txojkev kajnrig. (Show sin 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 “kev txhaum” vim tej qhovchaw ntawd muaj tibneeg siabphem, muaj laib thiab ua ntau yam tsis zoo. Nej hais li ntawd vim nej twb pom losyog hnov tias tej ntawd yuav ua rau yus lub neej puamtsuaj. Nej hais rau nej

tej menyuam, tej phoojywg, 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 tseem nyob rau txojkev txhaum.

(Picture of a burglar)

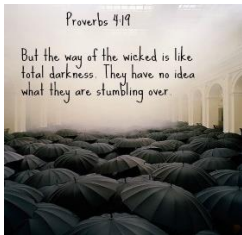


Cov burglar – tubsab nyiam nyiag khoom tsoo vaj tsoo tsheb rau yav tsausntuj thiaj li tsis muaj leejtwg pom lawv txojkev ua phem ntawd. Feem ntau tibneeg ua txhaum, nws tsis xav kom lwmtus paub txog nws txojkev txhaum. Qhovno tus tibneeg tsis yog zais nws txojkev txhaum tsausntuj nti sabnraud xwb tiamsis 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 kajnrig. Yaxayas thiaj li sau haistias, “The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; – *Cov neeg uas taug kev tsausntuj nti tau pomkev kajnrig.* (Yaxayas 9:2) (Show Luther Seal)

II. Xim dub – black colors, feem ntau yog lub cim rau txojkev txhaum. (Show Luther Seal)



Nyob hauv Luther lub “seal – cim” muaj tus khaublig ntoo xim dub txhais haistias, peb txojkev txhaum ua rau Yexus tuag. Cov ntau samthiaj rau hnuv “Good Friday – Lub Liamtiam tsib uas Yexus tuag” txhais haistias, txojkev txhaum coj txojkev tuag los rau tibneeg. Feem ntau cov tibneeg uas kawm thiab hawm tej Witchcraft or black art nyiam xim dub. (Show Proverbs 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 kajnrig? Paulus sau nws tsabntawv mus rau haivneeg 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 ceexwm, peb cov tub ceexwm 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 ntautus haistias, “I hope no one saw me do that – *Kuv xav haistias tsis muaj leejtwg pom kuv ua li ntawd.*” Txojkev uas yuavdim txojkev tsausntuj no ces yog ntawm peb tus Tswv Yexus Khetos tibleeg xwb. Vajtswv 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 Vajtswv tus

Tub Yexus Khetos. Vajtswv txojkev kaj xub los rau peb ntawm Nws cov Kevcai Tshwjhwms haistias “You shall not steal – *Koj tsis txhob ua tubsab,* You shall not murder – *Koj tsis txhob tua tibneeg,* You shall not bear false witness – *Koj tsis txhob ua timkhawv cuav.*” Cov kevcai qhia kom peb tsis txhob mus nyob rau qhovtsaus tiamsis yuavtsum tawm los nyob rau qhov pomkev uas yog qhov kaj.

(Show light shining on earth)

II. Vajtswv cov Kevcai qhia kom peb paub peb cov kev txhaum kom peb tig los lees tej kev txhaum ntawd.



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 ntsub 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). Ntau zaug Yexus muab txojkev phem uas cov Falixais thiab cov thawjcoj ua txhaum qhia tawm ntawm qhov tsaus tuaj rau ntawm qhov pomkev kom tibneeg pom lawv tej kev tsis ncaincees uas lawv tau ua lawm. Thaum Yexus ua li no, ua rau lawv chim thiab npautaws rau Yexus vim lawv tsis xav kom lwmtus pom lawv tej kev phem.

Cov kwvtij hlub thiab movtshua ntawm Tswv Yexus lub npe. Yexus los ua lub teeb ci rau peb tej kev txhaum uas yog ntxuav thiab zam tagrho peb tej kev txhaum huv tibsi mus. Nws los ris peb txojkev txhaum thiab ua txhuayam kom koj thiab kuv muaj feem mus tau rau ntawm Vajtswv. Nws los ua lub teeb ci uas yog tuag saum tus ntoo khaublig kom peb pomkev ntawm qhov tsaus los mus tau qhovkaj ntawm Vajtswv kom koj thiab kuv tau txojkia mus ibtxhis. **(Show of Jesus the light of the world)**



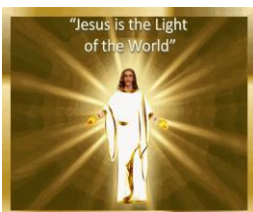
Yexus haistias, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life – *Kuv yog lub teeb cia rau ntiajteb pomkev. Tus uas raws kuv qab yuav tsis tau kev tsausntuj nti tiamtsis, tau lub teeb uas yog txojkia.*” (Yauhas 8:12). Paulus sau haistias “**Let 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 Vajtswv lub koobmeej rau ntawm Yexus Khetos lub ntsejmuag.*” (2 Kaulethaus 4:6). Yauhas sau txog lub teeb ci 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 Vajtswv 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 txojkev txhaum uas yog txojkev tsausntuj nti. Yaxayas thiaj li haistias, “The people walking in darkness... *Cov neeg uas taug kev tsausntuj nti.*” No yog txhais li cas rau koj thiab rau kuv? Cia kuv muab hais yoojyim kom nej totaub. **(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. Tiamtsis thaum koj mus muab dej coj los ntxhuav 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 txojkev txhaum uas yog zamtxim rau peb txojkev txhaum los ntawm Nws txojkev hlub. Thaum uas Vajtswv hu koj los ua Nws tus menyuam, koj twb pomkev kajnrig tsis nyob rau qhov tsaus lawm. **(Show Jesus the Light of the world)**



Yexus thiaj li haistias, “*Kuv yog lub teeb ci rau ntiajteb pomkev...Tus uas ntseeg kuv thiaj li tau txojkia.*” Koj ntseeg Yexus ua koj tus Cawmseej, koj yog tus pomkev kajnrig tsis yog tus tseem nyob rau qhov tsausntuj nti. Asmees. Thov kom Vajtswv txojlus pub rau peb sawvdaws totaub thiab tau nyob kajsiab lug rau ntawm Tswv Yexus Khetos lub npe. Peb txhuatus uas yog Vajtswv cov menyuam peb sawvdaws hais. Asmees.