

"Thy Word Is A Lamp Unto My Feet, and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105 KJV



In the days before electricity and flashlights, it was common to use earthenware oil lamps held suspended by cords near the feet. It would provide light for the path a few steps in advance. Holding the lamp near the feet kept the illumination out of the eyes and on the path. Stones and hollows in the path would cast sharp shadows and be clearly visible to the traveler. It was important to keep the way illuminated, because it had been prepared ahead of time for walking. It was easier going than the surrounding area, but to be followed it had to be illuminated. It's amazing how much light an oil lamp can provide once your eyes have adjusted to the night. The lamp does not illuminate the whole path, just the next few steps. Steps are the choices we make. Feet represent the thoughts which precede our choices. What is the measure of your choices? What is your standard of good? God's Word is the Light that illuminates our many choices each day. It's silly to try and walk in the dark without light, and I only need the light where I am. Not 100 yards ahead. I don't need to fret about what's going to happen tomorrow, because it may never come. *"Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come."* I need only be concerned about today, and where my next few steps will be. If I follow the path laid out in God's Word, and do what's right, right now, I will arrive safely at my heavenly destination. If my steps are all in the right place, my journey will be successful. *"The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD."* I can't make tomorrow's choices, today. If I worry about tomorrow's steps, I may misstep today. Each step is just as important as the ones before it and the ones after it. If just one step is slightly skewed, all that follow will be slightly skewed unless a correction is made. This is where illumination comes into the picture. It lets me know where I've misstepped so that I may correct my next step. *"All Scripture is given by Inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in Righteousness."* God's Word is the Lamp. Without it, even men with sight walk blind in the dark.

God's Holy Word is shining Lamp,
Lest on viper one chance would stamp,
A shining star in sin's dark night,
To blind men giving rapturous sight. –CGP

The Light of our lamps is Truth. Jesus said, *"I am the Truth."* He prayed, *"Sanctify them through Thy Truth. Thy Word is Truth."* God's Word says, *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. In Him was Life; and the Life was the Light of men. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His Glory, the Glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of Grace and Truth."* Our "Light" is God's Word in our minds and hearts; kept, nurtured, and obeyed. The oil of our lamps is the Blessed Holy Spirit of God guiding us into *"ALL Truth. The Anointing which ye have received of Him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same Anointing teacheth you of all things, and is Truth, and is no lie."* God's Word will warn me of the stones and pitfalls in my path so I need not fall, but I must keep a sharp watch. I must meditate therein day and night. Look where the Light is, the path, not where it isn't. Keep the Lamp trimmed and bright. Let the Lamp illuminate the path for those that follow, whose lamps are empty. Tell them where to fill their lamps so that they will not lose their way.

"Let your Light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven. But if our Gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost." Matthew 5:16; 2 Corinthians 4:3 KJV