

*"In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord Sitting upon
A Throne, High And Lifted Up, and His Train Filled The Temple."
Isaiah 6:1 KJV*

Good King Uzziah, the leper, died, but the LORD was still on His Throne! Still *"High And Lifted Up And His Train Filled The Temple."* Good leaders die, but God Remains! When God Reveals Himself to man, His Glory Inseparably Quickens And Unites them to His Service. Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, John, and others were so inspired. As a child in the Amazon jungle, I clearly remember putting new mantles in our Coleman lanterns. They came out of the wrapper shiny, flat, and silky. Their colors were bright and iridescent. The mantle, at first, was unbreakable, but useless for light. It made a good bag. We would tie it on the fuel tube, but it was still of little use for light. It first, had to be burned with a flame. Interestingly, as it burned to ash, the mantle would shrivel, shrink, and warp. After completely turning to limp white ash, heated fuel vapor could flow into the mantle, first glowing orange and then slowly emitting a brilliant white light that would hurt your eyes if you stared. Not until burnt to a quivering white ash could the mantle hold the vapor's brilliance on its fragile surface. If the fuel was quenched, the light would vanish. It only gained symmetry when vapor filled it from within. It had no light of its own. After becoming ash, the mantles' only purpose was to hold the burning vapor which transformed it into a brilliant light. Isaiah's was useless to God until his lips were touched with the glowing coal from the Altar. Our lives are useless to God until every vestige of self is but a white fragile ash, filled with His glory and purpose, and shining His Light into the darkness of his present evil world. Be advised, men will hate you, because they hate the Light of Truth. *"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 Light Shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. Men loved darkness (sin) rather than Light (God's Word), because their deeds were evil."* Jesus said, *"Ye shall be hated of all men for My Name's Sake. If the world hate you, ye know that it hated Me before it hated you...because ye are not of the world."* God's Glory Separates us to His Purpose. Until we see Him *"High And Lifted Up,"* our Light will shine, but dimly.



If Jesus Christ is lifted high,
Within my life as I pass by,
He will be known to ev'ry eye,
Like dark doth melt to sunlit sky. -CGP

Beautiful Symmetry Is Given by the Indwelling Holy Spirit if allowed to flow unquenched; brilliantly shining outward from us, giving Light to all nearby. Believer's lives gain dimension and symmetry when the Holy Ghost is given full control through obedience to God's Word. We must see the LORD *"High And Lifted Up,"* for His *"Train"* to fill our *"temple."* He only shines when self is rendered a fragile pure ash by the Fire of His flame. Only then will our lives hold and brilliantly display His Glory to others. Let your Light shine by letting self shrivel and die.

*"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."
Matthew 5:14-16 KJV*