

A Bright and Shining Light

Jesus said of John the Baptist *he was like a burning and shining lamp.*

John 5:35

Burning may refer to the zeal with which John executed his message;

A lamp lit up that burns with a steady luster.

Shining may refer to the clearness of his testimony concerning Christ.

John's doctrines were clear, distinct, and consistent.

Matthew 5:14-16

I. WHAT IS THIS LIGHT? **Jeremiah 20:9**

a. It is the Consuming - Purging - Spreading fire of:

LOVE - FAITH - AND HOPE!

b. It is Devine Discontent with:

FORMALITY - CEREMONIALISM -LUKEWARMNESS -

INDIFFERENCE - RELIGIOUS SHAM - AND NOISE.

c. It is The Holy Spirit:

BURNING IN AND THROUGH US!

II. IT IS THE INSPIRATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!

a. It inspired Queen Esther to go before the king.

b. It inspired David to go against the giant.

c. It inspired Daniel to go to the lions' den.

d. It inspired The Hebrew boys to go the fiery furnace.

III. WHAT PRODUCES THIS LIGHT?

The sweet fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

a. Solomon said: **Ecclesiastes 8:1**

b. David said: **Psalm 34:5**

c. Moses looked and became radiant. **2 Corinthians 3:7**

d. Steven looked and became radiant **Acts 6:15**

e. John the Baptist Scorched King Herod and his adulterous wife

IV. ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING! **James 4:1-10**

Let us stand up and move out for God.