

OCTOBER 2020 AS I WAS PRAYING GOD SPOKE TO ME SAYING YOUR HOUSE IS A LIGHTHOUSE MANY WILL BE DRAWN TO IT AND FIND ME IN IT ESPECIALLY AS WE ENTER THE LAST DAYS FOR I WISH THAT ALL WILL COME INTO MY LIGHT

We are about to launch a House Church in our home in February 2021 & God reminded me of the LIGHTHOUSE so I have looked at the concept of a LIGHTHOUSE being the Church As well as we His people are a LIGHTHOUSES to those whom we associate with There is no reference specially to a LIGHTHOUSE in the Word of God But there are many references to LIGHT

WHAT DOES A LIGHTHOUSE DO?

1 IT GIVES DIRECTION & GUIDANCE it is a guiding light, if you are lost you don't know the direction, you're heading The Light directs path

Psalms 119:105 "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, & a light unto my path" in life's storms you & me are the lighthouse to guide others through the storm Not only is Jesus the light but His Word sheds light/direction

2 IT WARNS OF IMPENDING DANGER that it is going in the wrong direction It is designed to protect from the danger of destruction 'the lighthouse doesn't save the ships, it doesn't go out & rescue them, it is a pillar that helps guide them home or to safety' (it is the lifeboat that rescues)

3 IT LIGHTS UP THE DARKNESS it penetrates darkness, we you can't see the light you get disorientated John 1:5 'The light shines in the darkness & the darkness has not overcome it'

John 12:46 'I have come into the world as a light so that no one who believes in Me shall remain in the darkness'

We have Christ in us, then we have His light, having seen the light we no walk after or are interested in darkness

4 IT ATTRACTS ATTENTION John Wesley said 'set me on fire & watch the people come & see me burn' In the Indonesia Revival in his book by Mel Tari 'The Mighty Rushing Wind' the locals saw Churches on fire of Holy Spirit We declare the Word Psalm 43:3 'Send forth your light & truth'

A light, no matter how it operates, needs to be from an internal projector (for us as Christians that's the Holy Spirit) which in turn is an external reflector (Christ in us luminesces out of us) just like the moon reflects the sun (Son)

The non-Christian world know what's real & what's phony Some examples A non-Christian Dennis & his partner went to a Church on Christmas eve & was disappointed at the entertainment/show when little was said about God. We know of a non-Christian who was turned off by the Church because they didn't pay the Pastor who struggled financially A Pastor who doesn't keep his word is seen as one whom you can't depend on Let's check ourselves to see if there is anything, we are portraying to our lost world that doesn't line up with being Christ like

5 IT IS SEEN FOR UP TO 32 KILOMETERS AWAY it gives hope we are almost there, not long to go When we are closest to the destination can be the most dangerous, have to be more vigilant, mindful of the danger And not focus on the end reward – in this case getting home or in a safe haven The fact is that many ships are sunk close to their destination is proof

As Christians we haven't made it; till we have made it We can't afford to let our guard down Always be alert to what the enemy can do if you become complacent. & contented

6 IT IS EXALTED ON A HIGH PLACE SO ALL CAN SEE the higher the light the further it will be seen Lift Him up High - for as we do they will be drawn to Him Matthew 5:14 'A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid'

High place are a place of worship often to idols but God wants to take back the high places (I will do a study on this so I will not go into any depth at this stage) Genesis 22:1,2;28:18,19; Exodus 19:1-3; Joshua 4:20; 1 Samuel 7:16; 1 Kings 18:16-40

7 IT IS PAINTED RED & WHITE STRIP TO STAND OUT IN THE DAYTIME Red =
 blood White- Purity, Holiness 1 John 1:5-10
 v7 'but if we are living in the light as God is the light, then we have fellowship with
 each other & the BLOOD of Jesus, his Son CLEANSSES us from all sin'

8 IT IS NEVER HIDDEN NOR DOES IT GO OUT History of
 lighthouse began originally with fire, then candles, followed by lanterns then
 electric & solar. Even in dense fog, signal via GPS or radio read Matthew
 5:14-16

'Don't ever let anyone put out your light because they are blinded by it' For
 it needs to be constant & dependable thus never goes out

9 IT'S BUILDING ISN'T IMPORTANT BUT ITS LIGHT IS it is not about Church
 building, it is what it gives out LIGHT 'Look to
 the lighthouse of the Lord There is no fog so dense, no night so dark, no gale so
 strong, no mariner so lost that it's beacon's light cannot rescue'

10 IT IS DESIGNED TO HELP OTHERS NOT US the lighthouse is not interested in
 who gets it's light It is just gives the light out because it is it's very nature is light
 The light is for All not just some

CONCLUSION - JUST AS LIGHTHOUSE IS UNMOVEABLE, TRUSTWORTHY, TAKES A
 STAND, IS BRIGHT, DEPENDABLE & GIVES CONSTANT LIGHT SO ARE WE TO BE
 WE ARE AN INTERNAL PROJECTOR WITH AN EXTERNAL REFLECTOR

'We are told to let our light shine & if it does, we don't need to tell anybody that it
 does Lighthouses don't fire cannons to call attention to their shining, they just
 shine' D L Moody

As I wrote this quote out, I thought of the song in Sunday School This little light of
 mine I'm going to let it shine

THE CHURCH AS A LIGHTHOUSE		
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Close with MY LIGHTHOUSE by Rend Collective if you have the words get audience to view them plus maybe sing the catchy chorus

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