**SEND A LIGHT AND LEAD ME ON**

**Psalms 43:3-5**

**3 O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.**

[**4**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-43-4/) **Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.** [**5**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-43-5/) **Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, *who is* the health of my countenance, and my God.**

**INTRO:**

**\*\*I need the light and leadership of God because . . .**

 **1. It helps me to see The Holiness**

**Psalms 3:3c let them bring me unto thy holy hill**

 **a. His light leads me to see the Holiness of God**

 **b. His light leads me to see the Holiness of Grace**

 **2. It helps me to see The Hill**

**Psalms 3:3c let them bring me unto thy holy hill**

 **a. I still need to see Holy Calvary**

 **b. I still need to see His Cross**

**\*\*When you stop seeing Calvary and the Cross, you will stop being led by Christ!**

 **3. It helps me to see The Hope**

**Psalms 3:5b hope in God**

 **a. The Hope in Praying**

**Psalms 3:4 Then will I go unto the altar of God**

 **b. The Hope in Praising**

**Psalms 3:5c for I shall yet praise him**

 **4. It helps me to see The Health (Psalms 3:5c)**

 **a. Praising God is Healthy for My Countenance**

 **b. Praising God is Healthy for My Christ**

**I. SEND A LIGHT AND LEAD ME TO CHRIST**

**\*\*Let me tell you what led me to Christ**

 **A. The Light through God’s People led me to Christ**

 **1. I saw God’s People are Pure**

 **a. They are Righteous and I was drawn to that.**

 **b. They are Redeemed and I was drawn to that.**

 **2. I saw God’s People are Peaceful**

 **a. They’re at peace when things are great.**

 **b. They’re at peace when things are grim.**

**\*\*I was led to Christ because I wanted what God’s people had that made them pure and peaceful.**

 **B. The Light through Gospel Preaching led me to Christ**

 **1. Gospel preaching made me Curious.**

 **2. Gospel preaching made me Concerned.**

 **3. Gospel preaching made me Convert.**

 **C. The Light through Grave Phobias led me to Christ**

 **1. I saw my Destiny for Hell.**

 **2. I saw me Deserving firey Hell.**

 **3. I saw my Deliverance from Hell.**

 **D. The Light through God’s Place led me to Christ**

 **1. The light showed me a Prepared place called Heaven!**

 **2. The light showed me a Perfect place called Heaven!**

 **E. The Light through Great Pleading led me to Christ**

 **1. The Holy Spirit Called Me**

**Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the Bride say, Come.**

 **2. The Holy Spirit Changed Me**

**II. SEND A LIGHT AND LEAD ME TO CHRISTIANITY**

 **A. I want to be a Christian that is Steady**

 **1. I want to be steady in my Doctrine**

 **2. I want to be steady in my Development**

 **3. I want to be steady in my Devotion**

 **B. I want to be a Christian that is Seeking**

**\*\*The light of the Lord and the leadership of the Lord is provided so that I might . . .**

 **1. Seek God’s Wisdom**

 **2. Seek God’s Will**

 **3. Seek God’s Work**

 **4. Seek God’s Word**

 **C. I want to be a Christian that is Settled**

 **1. I want to be settled in my Bible**

 **2. I want to be settled in my Beliefs**

 **3. I want to be settled in my Behavior**

**Illustration: I watched a short video this past week that emphasized how more and more churches are operating off of emotionalism. The church has been creating church goers that are operating off of feelings of being excited about the emotional church service. However, few are digging into God’s Word to know what they believe and why they believe it. This is destructive because it leads to a false profession of faith, and it leads to churches with leaders who are clueless about doctrine. I love a good spiritual church service, but I want to be a Steady, Seeking, and Settled Christian.**

**III. SEND A LIGHT AND LEAD ME TO CHURCH**

 **A. My Ambition is to Dwell in the Sanctuary of God**

**Psalms 84:4 Blessed *are* they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah.**

 **1. I want church to be where my Love is.**

**Psalms 84:1 How amiable *are* thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts!**

**\*\*Amiable – Hebrew word is Yediyd (Ya deed), and it means beloved, lovely, or beloved like a friend.**

**\*\*The psalmist loved the churches (tabernacles) like a friend! That’s how I want to love my church . . . like a real close friend!**

 **2. I want church to be where my Life is.**

**Psalms 84:4 they will be still praising thee.**

**\*\*I want to spend my life in a church somewhere praising God as long as I live!**

 **B. My Activity is to Draw in the Strength of God**

**Psalms 84:5 Blessed *is* the man whose strength *is* in thee;**

**\*\*I need the strength of the Lord even though . . .**

 **1. I have a Rejoicing Heart**

**\*\*Psalms 84:4 I read where they are praising the Lord, and in Psalms 84:5, the psalmist said those who have that same heart of rejoicing and praising will be blessed!**

 **2. I have a Rough Highway**

**\*\*Psalms 84:6-7 talks about a valley and a mountain. Sometimes the road to the church house is rough and not always easy; however, the Lord will strengthen and help us.**

 **3. I have a Real Hope**

**\*\*My hope is in the prayers like in Psalms 8:8**

 **C. My Aim is to Delight in the Service of God**

 **1. I want to be Here in this Church.**

 **2. I want to be Home in this Church.**

 **3. I want to be Helped in this Church.**

 **4. I want to be Helping in this Church.**

 **5. I want to be Happy in this Church.**

**Illustration: A Chicken and a Pig read a church sign that announced a church breakfast and asked the question, “What can you do to help in the church breakfast?”**

 **Immediately the chicken suggested that they feed the church bacon and eggs! The pig thought for a minute and then replied, “There’s only one thing wrong with this. For you Mr. Chicken, it only requires a contribution. For me it requires total commitment!”**

**Application: Are you one of those who might contribute, or one of those who is committed totally?**

**CLOSE**

**\*\*I want to say thank the Lord for the light and the truth he sent my way so that I could be led on this path I’m on!**

**1. This light and truth has led me to Christ.**

**2. This light and truth has led me to Christianity**

**3. This light and truth has led me to Church**

**\*\*Has Jesus flipped-on the light switch in your life with the truth of the gospel?**

**\*\*Is He leading you to come to Christ, to come to Christianity, or to come to this Church?**

**\*\*If the light is on and He is leading you, you better follow the Lord and do what He wants you to do!**