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Dear Prayer Supporter,

Please prayerfully read and share “Eternal Light” which hopefully will soon be in booklet form.

“Dorothy’s Daily Devotional” broadcasts recently commenced in the Kikuyu and Taita Kenya languages. A listener wrote: “The Lord has been blessing this program to me as it teaches the Word of God in a way I never knew before.” The program response has been overwhelming with men and

women expressing their gratitude for the teachings and testifying how the Lord has changed their lives. A great number of listeners ask for “Food for Faith” and “Your Quest for God.” The Kikuyu & Swahili Bibles are most urgently requested by many listeners following the messages. May many come to Christ through these broadcasts!

In His Love,

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**Please pray for our new radio broadcasts  
in the Kikuyu and Taita Kenya languages**

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**Hellen** -This is an amazing program! God bless you as you encourage us. I am still reading the book, “Food for Faith.” Praise God, I am so blessed with “Dorothy’s Daily Devotional” as is aired each morning, God bless you mightily.

**Evangelist Paul** - I thank God for this new program, “Dorothy’s Daily Devotional” in my Kikuyu language as it has made it easier for me to study the Word of God and the teachings are very uplifting. God bless!

**Samuel** - “Dorothy’s Daily Devotional” is a very nice program for all my family as we are now reading the Bible together and praying together after the message.

**Anna** - I am very happy to listen to this new program, “Dorothy’s Daily Devotional” in the Taita language. I have only heard it three times and so far I love it!

\*I listen to “Dorothy’s Daily Devotional” with my entire family, including my grandmother. She is so blessed with the program that she cannot miss even one episode. In fact, she now sleeps with the radio close to her ear!

\*“Dorothy Taita” has now become my routine every morning! Thank you for the good work through the TWR Sifa team as you broadcast to us in the Coastal Region.

\*I started listening to “Dorothy’s Daily Devotional” Taita program just yesterday and I love it.

# Eternal Light

by Richard A. Bennett

**D**uring our “Spiritual Breakthrough” ministry in Central Maine, a Christian businessman earnestly requested permission to share his testimony.

With the demands of business and church involvement, he said he really could not afford the time to come to the meetings. However, he added, “I couldn’t keep away!” Every night he drove 180 miles round-trip to be at the services and said:

“This is not going to be easy! You see, these meetings have been like light, and I have been like a moth that is attracted to light on a dark night. Just as when a moth gets close to the source of light it goes to its death, so too last night I drew so close to God, Who is Light, that I died. I died to my religious and professional reputation!

“Although my family has never seen me in tears, last night I called them all to the attic and shed buckets of tears before them. Three years ago the water in our well ran dry. In the emergency, I hooked up to the city’s water supply thinking we would only need their water for a day – then a week – then a month and now for three years! Because I had always taught my children to be truthful and honest, it grieved me greatly to tell my family we had been drinking stolen water.”

With not a few tears, he continued to share with the congregation how his heart had been

broken before his family in his attic. He also testified that, before he went to bed that night, he wrote a check to the Water Authorities to make restitution for what he owed including interest on the money. At the same time he requested a water meter.

Such brokenness and repentance was, and still is, the prelude to unusual blessing and revival. **Thirteen years later** we received a letter from friends in Maine telling us of the flow of resurrection life following the brokenness of that dear man!

“In 1973, Spiritual Breakthrough ministry was held in the Central Maine area. Every night one man traveled over one and a half hours each way to attend these meetings.

“When he gave his testimony, God spoke to us all as he shared what God had done in his life. Soon after that he was led of the Lord to resign his secular occupation and start a new church in rural Maine. In 1986, this church was thriving with hundreds in attendance!”

As this man testified - light is very attractive but it is also very revealing! The closer we draw to “*the Lord who shall be to thee an Everlasting Light,*” Isaiah 60:20 the more conscious we become of our sinful state.

Outside the Security Gates of Buckingham Palace, the jostling crowds would never notice or care about ugly stains on the trousers of a

bystander. However, if that person was invited into the Palace to attend a Royal Banquet taking place and was seated beneath the dazzling lights of the magnificent chandeliers then those stains would be the source of considerable embarrassment. Light makes the difference!

Likewise, as we prepare our hearts to go to church, it is important to know why we go and who we are going to meet. The people, the pastor, the performance and the program will take second place to the fact that we go to meet *the God of Light and Glory*. Genuine worship is when the inner man falls down before the sovereign, living Lord Jesus Christ. The mind is then focused upon Him with surrender and praise and the house of the Lord becomes secondary to the Lord of the house. It is not “What I got out of the message” but, “Did God receive from me a response of faith and obedience to His Word?”

[A WARNING] *“If we say we have fellowship with Him and walk in darkness, we lie and do not the truth: [A PROMISE] but if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin”* I John 1:6 & 7. Here, ‘*In the light*’ is mentioned twice: “**H**e is in the light” and **w**e should also “*Walk in the light.*”

**He is in the Light:** When God in Christ stepped into human history He revealed as much of Himself as we could bear without our being consumed by the light and glory of His presence. On earth He said, “*I and My Father are one,*” John 10:30. Also, “*He that hath seen Me, hath seen the Father*” John 14:9. Yes, total transparency, He had nothing to hide!

**Walk in the Light:** Through the Apostle John, the Lord helps us understand what it means to walk in His light. Transparent fellowship with God is vital and commences as, “*we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins*” verse 9. Notice it is “sins” not “sin” we confess! We did not commit our “sins” in bundles, so why should we confess them in bundles?

In the Old Testament, King David prayed “*cleanse Thou me from secret faults. Keep back Thy servant also from presumptuous sins*” Psalm 19:12 & 13. Presumptuous sins – presuming it is of little consequence when we sin because it has already been forgiven at the Cross. David confessed his specific sins on the basis of God’s multitude of tender mercies. It is the “*secret faults*” and “*presumptuous sins*” that the Apostle John also exhorts us to confess. **Specific sins need specific confession!**

There is no such thing as “a white lie,” – it is a lie. It is not a fantasizing thought – it is adultery. It is not a volatile disposition with which I was born – it is anger. The list goes on and on. However, it is not my intent to encourage introspection, but that we may personally be open to Divine inspection! Then, when we honestly confess our sins in the light of His Presence, our conscience will be cleansed with *the precious Blood of Christ* I Peter 1:19.

You may still think that, all my sins – past, present and future – were carried into the depths of the sea when I repented and was truly born again (Micah 7:19). That is true. But, you may question, why is it necessary to confess individual sins? It is necessary because my confession of “sins” has nothing to do with

my relationship **to** God but has everything to do with my fellowship **with** God. Hence a clean conscience is vital for a living fellowship.

Sadly, however, worldly standards and value systems are easily absorbed in the thoughts of believers. Accordingly, what once disturbed the believers conscience, can enter thought and behavior patterns with no conviction and a vital living fellowship with God is lost!

When I was “born-again” I determined to rise earlier in order to have a time with the Lord in His Word. Accordingly, I purchased an alarm clock to awaken me an hour earlier. For the first few weeks it worked very well. But, one morning when I was particularly tired, I turned the alarm clock off! Sadly this continued for several days until the clock no longer disturbed my sleep. However, being determined to exercise ‘mind over mattress,’ I placed my alarm clock on an old tin box. The rattle of the box and the ring of the alarm worked well and day by day I knelt by my bed with my Bible open to meet with my Lord. Likewise, a conscience that is ignored, quickly becomes a conscience that is no longer disturbed.

Repentance and restitution sensitizes our conscience and restores living fellowship with God. *“If we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged”* 1 Corinthians 11:31. Harold Wildish tells the true story of a young boy in Jamaica. His mother left him alone in the house for a short time and strictly told him not to touch the family heirloom – a cut-glass vase – on the table. However, when she returned home, she found a pile of broken glass neatly placed on the table together with a note from her son: “Dear Mother, you will see that while you were away, I had an accident. Please forgive me. I

have put myself to bed without any supper!” What could the mother do?

*“In Thy light we shall see light”* Psalm 36:9. AS we approach Eternal Light, we become shamefully conscious of moral contamination and sins. But, as we confess our individual sins, the Lord promises: *“If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we will have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, God’s Son, [keeps on cleansing] from all sin”* 1 John 1:7. It is then that our seared conscience becomes a sensitized conscience, and we increasingly hate what God hates and love what God loves. We all need to keep short accounts with God and to experience the continual cleansing of our conscience!

As an eight-year old boy, I was delighted to be taken with my uncle to a coal mine. Promptly at 4:00 pm, the miners emerged to the surface from their eight-hour shift. Both their bodies and clothes were black from head to foot with coal dust. However, their eyes sparkled like diamonds on a black velvet background. Why was this? While down the mine, their eyelashes and tear ducts constantly washed their eyes from the environmental dirt.

If we are to exercise a personal and expectant faith then a clean conscience is imperative. *“Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water”* Hebrews 10:22. The water of the Word and the cleansing of the Blood are vital prerequisites for a living faith! *“Much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”* Hebrews 9:14.

A number of years ago a gentlemen approached me after the service to request prayer. He said it was difficult for him to witness. His unsaved work colleagues had never heard him confess Jesus as his Lord and Savior. Unexpectedly I replied, “I don’t think that is your real problem. Would you get down on your knees with me and ask the Holy Spirit to put His finger on the real problem?” He gladly responded.

As we prayed together, he broke into tears and confessed to the Lord how demanding he was to his wife and how dictatorial and proud he was to his children. After asking the Lord’s forgiveness for his sins, he committed himself to also ask the forgiveness of his wife and family.

The next night he again approached me, no longer with a furrowed brow, but now with a radiant face. He joyfully exclaimed, “The Lord Jesus has been so real to me all day. In fact, I could not keep from sharing to my colleagues about my Lord and Savior and the marvelous things He has done for me!

Likewise, why not take this moment to ask the Holy Spirit to put His finger on your life and reveal any secret faults and presumptuous sins? As He does so, confess each sin before His throne of grace and mercy.

This will result in His gracious cleansing and fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit and will lead to a life where you:

**“Expect great things from God and attempt great things for God.”**



*Search me, O God, my actions try,  
And let my life appear  
As seen by Your all-searching eye—  
To mine my ways make clear.*

*Search all my sense, and know my heart  
Who only can make known,  
And let the deep, the hidden part  
To me be fully shown.*

*Throw light into the darkened cells,  
Where passion reigns within;  
Quicken my conscience till it feels  
The loathsomeness of sin.*

*Search all my thoughts, the secret  
springs,  
The motives that control;  
The chambers where polluted things  
Hold empire o’er the soul.*

*Search, till Your fiery glance has cast  
Its holy light through all,  
And I by grace am brought at last  
Before Your face to fall.*

*Thus prostrate I shall learn of Thee,  
What now I feebly prove,  
That God alone in Christ can be  
Unutterable love.*

– Frank Bottome 1823-1894

