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The Names of Love - Part 27 - The Bright Morning Star

Rev. 22:16, "I AM the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."

We live in a world that seems mesmerized by Hollywood. And what do we call these actors and actresses? "Stars." They seem like bright and lifted up personalities that shine before us all. But in fact, they are truly nothing more than people who have used their talents to make a living by "acting." People are always looking for a hero, a star, someone they can worship.

There is only one person worthy of our praise, and it is Jesus, The Bright Morning Star. We know that the celestial morning star is Venus and is seen in the eastern sky before the dawn. It was thought of as the harbinger of the sunrise. The Greek term for this is Aster Lampros Proinos which means the first light or the "light of the world." Matt. 2:1-2, "After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one Who has been born King of the Jews? We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him."

Jesus is the light of the world. He has brought us His great light. John 8:12, "Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, I AM the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Scripture had proclaimed this day would come. Num. 24:17, "I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near. A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel."

Where would we be without any light? Probably non-existent. Light is critical. It illuminates our way. It warms us. It shows us things that we could not see in the dark. We have all probably cracked our shins on a coffee table in a dark room, when if the light was on, we could have saved ourselves some great pain. We need light. And then Jesus reminded His followers that they are now the light of the world. Without the proper batteries, a flashlight is just a piece of metal and glass. But, with the batteries installed, it becomes a way to see, even in the dark of night. With Jesus in our lives, we can navigate through the perilous, dark times that come along. And, we can also lead others along with us. Ps. 119:105,
" Your Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

Thank You Jesus, for being the Bright Morning Star that gives light to a dark world. We need You and depend upon Your light to lead us along the path You have for us. In Jesus Name,
Amen