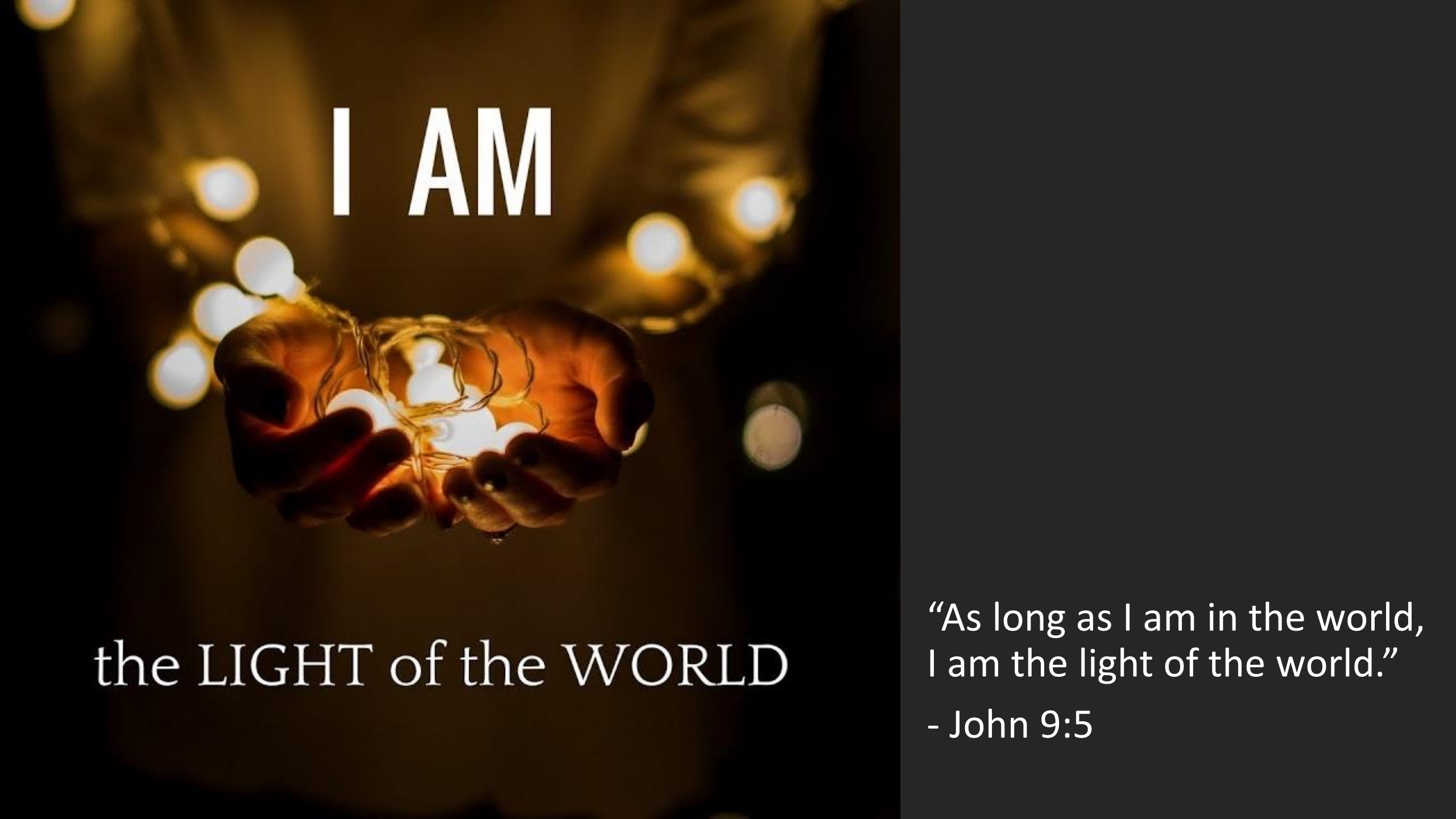




I AM

the LIGHT of the WORLD

“As long as I am in the world,
I am the light of the world.”

- John 9:5



How does God guide us?

The month of Tobe

Week 1 – Flight of the Holy Family to Egypt

Week 2 - Repentance of the Ninevites

Week 3 - John the Baptist and the Lord Jesus' disciples baptize

Week 4 – Man born blind

1. Parents



- Our parents are our first guides
- Parents responsible to guide their children as they mature
- *“Know that you have become sponsors and guarantors for this Baptism, and, from today, you are their spiritual parents, observers of their secrets, responsible for their wrongdoings, and eyewitnesses to their daily circumstances. Today, you are accountable for their actions and deeds, and have guaranteed them from Christ a true guarantee, that you may answer on their behalf on Judgment Day.”*
(Baptism Commandment)

1. Parents



- Samson
- Then his father and mother said to him, “Is there no woman among the daughters of your brethren, or among all my people, that you must go and get a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?” (Judg. 14:3)

2. Scripture



- “This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.” (Josh. 1:8)
- “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” (2 Tim. 3:16-17)

2. Scripture

- “How shall a young man keep his way straight? When he keeps Your words.” (Ps. 118:9 LXX)
- “Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my paths.” (Ps. 118:105 LXX)
- Holy Scripture is the foundation of truth
 - “You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.” (Jn. 18:37)



3. The Church



- The Church guides us in things that were not specifically mentioned in the Bible.
- This is within the Church's authority to do so
 - EX: Appointing of deacons to serve in the Church

3. The Church

- EX: St. Paul on marriage
 - “Now to the married I command, yet not I but the Lord: A wife is not to depart from her husband. 11 But even if she does depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband. And a husband is not to divorce his wife. 12 But to the rest I, not the Lord, say: If any brother has a wife who does not believe, and she is willing to live with him, let him not divorce her.” (1 Cor. 7:10-12)



3. The Church



- The Church is the pillar and foundation of truth
- "...the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."
(1 Tim. 3:15)



Saint Anthony the Great

4. The Holy Spirit

- “However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth...” (Jn. 16:13)
- The Holy Spirit is the One who orchestrates all the other forms of guidance for the benefit of mankind.
- EX: St. Anthony
 - “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” (Matt. 19:21)



5. Prayer

- All the righteous were guided by God through prayer
- Prayer is connection with God
- Moses
- David
 - So David inquired of the LORD, saying, “Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them?” (1 Sam. 30:8)
- Joshua

Recap

- God gives us many guides on our path to salvation
 1. Parents
 2. Scripture
 3. The Church
 4. The Holy Spirit
 5. Prayer

To be continued...