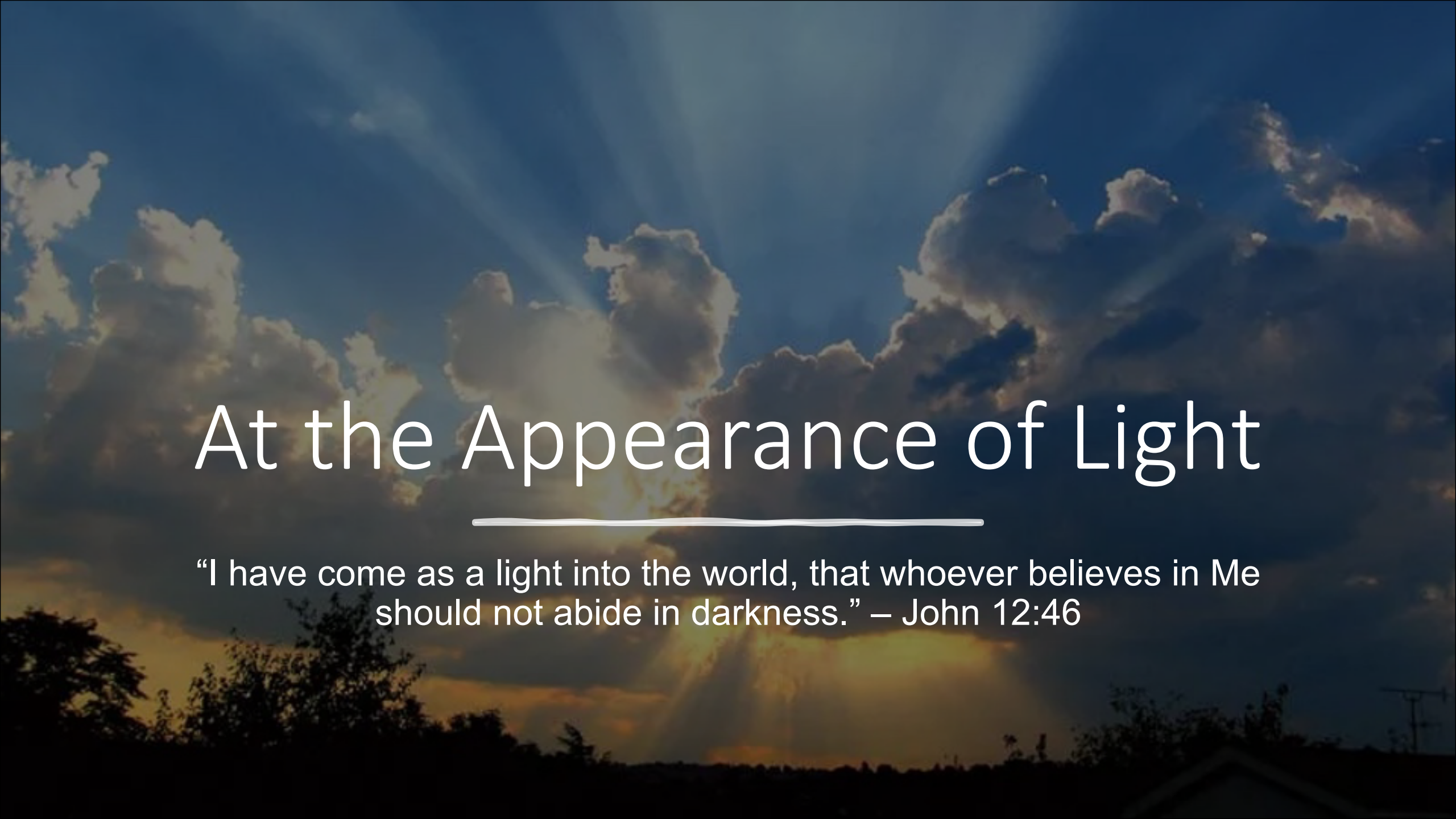




At the Appearance of Light

“I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.” – John 12:46

The Light of the World

- “The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned.” (Matt. 4:16, Is. 9:2)



When the Light Dawns



1. Joy

- “Light is sown for the righteous, And gladness for the upright in heart.” (Ps. 97:11)
- The Wise Men
- “When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.” (Matt. 2:10)



2. Peace



- "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" (Lk. 2:14)
- "Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you." 37 But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit." (Lk. 24:36-37)
- "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." (Jn. 16:33)

3. Security

- Pillar of fire
- “And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night.” (Ex. 13:21)



4. Clarity

- I see things as they truly are
- “But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.” (Jn. 3:21)

5. Fear

- The Lord Walking on Water
 - “And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear.” (Matt. 14:26)
- St. Paul on the road to Damascus
 - As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. 4 Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" (Acts 9:3-4)
- But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." (Matt. 14:27)
- "Peace be with you." (Jn. 20:19)

What happens when
I come into the
presence of light?

1. The Light will initially
be an abrasive.
2. We will be attracted
to the light.

