

John 8:12

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

Since Jesus is the Light of the world, why do we want to turn down the lights to experience or worship Him? Do we do it because we are we looking for a “feeling” instead of a “relationship” with Jesus and with the Holy Spirit? When we get to heaven, do we really think that God will say, “Okay, let’s turn down the lights so everyone can worship Me” NO, because God is light and I do not read anywhere in the bible where they turned down the lights to experience God, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit.

† **Psalm 118:27a** *God is the LORD, And He has given us light.*

Jesus even tells us that:

† **Matthew 5:14-16** *You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*

Yet, for some reason, someone came up with the idea that if we turn down the lights, we can experience the Lord better. But that is what the world has turned it into. Everyone wants to know how you “feel” or they want the mood to be set just right to enjoy something.

We need the right music to listen to or we can’t workout (exercise) properly.

We want the roads to be clear and all the traffic lights to be green so we can experience a nice drive to work or church or anywhere.

We want the worship team to play only the songs that “we like” because if they don’t, then we can’t worship the Lord.

We want the pastor to make us laugh and tell us things to encourage us, but not those things we need to change in our life, that just ruins our Sunday when he does that.

We watch the news and even sports on TV, and what is one of the most asked questions when someone is being interviewed? “How do you feel?” My wife and I even joke about it when we watch a football game, and we just wait for them to ask that question. “You just made an impressive touchdown. How do you feel?”

What are they expecting the guy to say, “Oh, I am so sad and feel sorry for the other team and wish I never would have made that touchdown. If I had to do it all over again, I would have handed the ball to the other team so they could get a touchdown, and...” NO, that’s not what he would say. So why do we even need to ask that question?

But once again, it's setting the mood and getting it just right, because if the music is too loud or too soft, or the lights are too bright or it's too dark, or if the porridge is too hot or too cold... Wait, that's Goldilocks and the three bears (lol). Yet we want the mood to be just right in order to worship the Lord. And sad to say, we want to diminish the light (God is light) in order to worship the light (Jesus Christ). Something to ponder over in our time of worship.

† **Psalm 89:15 (NLT2)** *Happy are those who hear the joyful call to worship, for they will walk in the light of your presence, LORD.*

† **John 4:22a (MSG)** *You worship guessing in the dark; we Jews worship in the clear light of day.*

† **Psalm 18:28** *For You will light my lamp; The LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.*