

WHEN THE LIGHTS GO ON AGAIN

I listen to Sirius XM radio almost all the time. My favorite station is “40’s Junction” which plays music from the 1940’s. I like this station because most of the music that is played refers back to World War II and what people were going through at the time. One song that is played that I really like is “When the Lights Go on Again” which was written by Bennie Benjamin, Sol Marcus, and Eddie Seiler.

Let me give you a little background on the song. During World War II, there were blackouts all over the world. This way, bombers that would pass over cities couldn’t use the lights of the city as a target. When it was discovered that bombers were coming, alarms would go off and people would turn off their lights so that they would not get hit by the bombing.

The song looks forward to the end of the war when the lights can go on again. Here are the words to the song:

*When the lights go on again all over the world
And the boys are home again all over the world
And rain or snow is all that may fall from the skies above
A kiss won't mean "goodbye" but "Hello to love"*

*When the lights go on again all over the world
And the ships will sail again all over the world
Then we'll have time for things like wedding rings and free hearts will sing
When the lights go on again all over the world¹*

¹ "When The Lights Go on Again", Song by Vaughn Monroe & His Orchestra, Released 1943. Songwriter(s) - Eddie Seiler, Sol Marcus, Bennie Benjamin

I've been thinking about this song a lot in reference to the Coronavirus. We are so close to being free from all restrictions. We no longer have to worry about being attacked by the virus. The lights are going on again in churches, restaurants, and other places all over the world. We are free from the battle.

This also makes me think of another battle that is over for those of us who are Christians. We no longer have to battle sin and lose because we have the power of God available to us. Consider what is written in the book of Romans:

Romans 6:22 *But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. (ESV)*

Are you struggling in sin and wondering if you will ever be good enough for God? If you have been fighting a battle to be acceptable by God, let the Light of the World be turned on in your life. Stop struggling- the war can be over in your life.

What you need to do is accept what Jesus did on the cross for you. He died for your sins and now offers you freedom from your sin. All you need to do is to accept what Jesus did for you. Talk to God and tell Him that you need what Jesus did for you. Give your life over to Jesus. When you do this, you will have the lights go on in your life.

Let the war be over in your life. Accept Jesus as your Savior, the One who is able to save you from your battle with sin. When you do this, you will spend eternity with God as your Father.

In Him and for His glory,

Pastor Art

