James 2:17-20
Thus also FAITH BY ITSELF, IF IT DOES NOT HAVE WORKS, IS DEAD. But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I WILL SHOW YOU MY FAITH BY MY WORKS. You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! But do you want to know, O foolish man, that FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD?

A world sitting in darkness cannot “see” what you “know,” they can only “see” what you “do.”
Psalms 19:7-11
THE LAW OF YEHovaH IS PERFECT, converting the soul; The testimony of Yehovah is pure, making the simple wise; The precepts of Yehovah are right, rejoicing the heart; THE COMMANDS OF YEHovaH ARE CLEAR, GIVING LIGHT TO THE EYES, The fear of Yehovah is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of Yehovah are true they are righteous altogether. They are more precious than gold, even much fine gold, and sweeter than honey and drops from the honeycomb. And Your servant is warned by them; IN KEEPING OF THEM IS GREAT REWARD.

Matthew 6:22-23
“THE LAMP OF THE BODY IS THE EYE. IF THEREFORE YOUR EYE IS GOOD, YOUR WHOLE BODY WILL BE FULL OF LIGHT. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!”

Scripture says that keeping the commands of Yehovah will give light to our eyes. How so? When we keep, and do, our Father’s Law (Torah) we reflect the Light of the One who gave these commands for all of mankind to see.

Proverbs 20:27
THE SPIRIT OF A MAN IS THE LAMP OF YEHovaH, Searching all the inner depths of his heart.

Proverbs 6:20-23
My son, KEEP YOUR FATHER’S COMMAND, AND DO NOT FORSAKE THE LAW OF YOUR MOTHER. Bind them continually upon your heart; Tie them around your neck. When you roam, they will lead you; When you sleep, they will
I have restrained my feet from every evil way, that I may keep your word.
I have not departed from Your judgments,
For You Yourself have taught me.
How sweet are Your words to my taste,
Sweeter than honey to my mouth!
Through Your precepts I get understanding;
Therefore I hate every false way.
Your word is a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path.
I have sworn and confirmed
That I will keep Your righteous judgments.
I am afflicted very much;
Revive me, O Lord, according to Your word.
Accept, I pray, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O Lord,
And teach me Your judgments.
My life is continually in my hand,
Yet I do not forget Your law (Torah).

Messiah said that if the eye is "good" the whole body will be full of "light."

Hear, my children, the instruction of a father, And give attention to know understanding; For I give you good doctrine: Do not forsake My Law (Torah).
If we do not keep the Father's commands, and if we forsake the Law (Torah), then we have no Light to shine.

Isaiah 51:4
“Listen to Me, My people;
And give ear to Me, O My nation:
FOR LAW (TORAH) WILL PROCEED FROM ME,
And I will make My justice rest
AS A LIGHT OF THE PEOPLES.”

If we do not have Light to shine, then we cannot see the Way that leads to life, nor can we shine light on that path for others to see.

Matthew 5:14-19
“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. “DO NOT THINK THAT I CAME TO DESTROY THE LAW OR THE PROPHETS. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. WHOEVER THEREFORE BREAKS ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE COMMANDMENTS, AND TEACHES MEN SO, SHALL BE CALLED LEAST IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN; BUT WHOEVER DOES AND TEACHES THEM, HE SHALL BE CALLED GREAT IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.”

Therefore, as the Psalmist wrote, Messiah confirms that it is by keeping and doing Yehovah’s Word that there is GREAT
reward.

Psalm 19:7-11
THE LAW (TORAH) OF THE LORD IS PERFECT,
CONVERTING THE SOUL;
THE TESTIMONY OF THE LORD IS SURE, MAKING WISE
THE SIMPLE;
THE STATUTES OF THE LORD ARE RIGHT, REJOICING
THE HEART;
THE COMMANDMENT OF THE LORD IS PURE,
ENLIGHTENING THE EYES;
THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS CLEAN, ENDURING
FOREVER;
THE JUDGMENTS OF
THE LORD ARE TRUE AND RIGHTEOUS ALTOGETHER.
More to be desired are they than gold,
Yea, than much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.
Moreover by them Your servant is warned,
AND IN KEEPING THEM THERE IS GREAT REWARD.

If we call Messiah our Lord, why then would we not DO what
the Father says?

Luke 6:46
“But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things
which I say?"

Matthew 7:21
“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the
kingdom of heaven, but HE WHO DOES THE WILL OF MY
FATHER IN HEAVEN.”
Psalms 40:8
I delight to do YOUR WILL, O MY GOD, And YOUR LAW (TORAH) is within my heart.

Matthew 6:10
Your kingdom come.
YOUR WILL BE DONE
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.

How can the Father’s will be done on earth as it is in heaven if His people are not doing His will on earth? WE, God’s people, must shine this Light and proclaim His will here on earth!
When we keep the Law (Torah) of the Father on earth, we are proclaiming HIS will, His Kingdom, and the Law of the One we serve on earth as it is in heaven, and that Yehoshua Messiah is our true and rightful King! If we love the Son, why then would we not keep His Father's commands?

John 14:21-24
"HE WHO HAS MY COMMANDMENTS AND KEEPS THEM, IT IS HE WHO LOVES ME. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.” Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, “LORD, HOW IS IT THAT YOU WILL MANIFEST YOURSELF TO US, AND NOT TO THE WORLD?” Yehoshua answered and said to him, “IF ANYONE LOVES ME, HE WILL KEEP MY WORD; AND MY FATHER WILL LOVE HIM, AND WE WILL COME TO HIM AND MAKE OUR HOME WITH HIM. HE WHO DOES NOT LOVE ME DOES NOT KEEP MY WORDS; AND THE WORD WHICH YOU HEAR IS NOT MINE BUT THE FATHER’S WHO SENT ME."

To answer Judas' question, it is through YOU that Messiah
will manifest Himself to the world, by keeping and doing the word of the Father, and shining the light of the Law (Torah) in this dark world. The purpose of keeping and doing God’s commands is not for self-righteousness, nor is it in order to seek to earn our own salvation. Messiah is our Savior, and our only salvation, but He rewards His people according to their works. We are not saved because of our works, rather it is because of our salvation that we do the works.

Matthew 16:24-27
Then Yehoshua said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, LET HIM DENY HIMSELF, AND TAKE UP HIS CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME. FOR WHOEVER DESIRES TO SAVE HIS LIFE WILL LOSE IT, BUT WHOEVER LOSES HIS LIFE FOR MY SAKE WILL FIND IT. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then HE WILL REWARD EACH ACCORDING TO HIS WORKS.

The purpose of keeping and doing God’s commands is not to save ourselves, oh no, it is so much more important than that. The keeping and doing of God’s Law (Torah), is a great responsibility that He has given to His servants.

"YOU Are the Light of the World. Let Your Light So Shine Before Men, That They May See Your Good Works And Glorify Your Father In Heaven."

We “work” for a much greater purpose. The purpose of keeping and doing God’s Law (Torah), is not to save ourselves, but to save others. If we merely hear this word and do not do
it, it’s like holding a flashlight in a very dark room full of people, but never turning it on to point the way out. But when we hear this word and do what is says, it’s like holding a flashlight in a very dark room full of people, and turning it on so that those who sit in darkness will see the great Light of God’s Word that is in us. From that time, we point that Light toward the Door of God’s Word, Yehoshua Messiah, and the Door of repentance that leads back to the Father.

Matthew 4:16-17
“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.” From that time YEHOSHUA BEGAN TO PREACH AND TO SAY, “REPENT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND.”

We must understand that a world sitting in darkness cannot “see” what we “know,” they can only “see” what we “do.”

Luke 11:28
He replied, “Blessed rather are those who HEAR THE WORD OF GOD AND OBEY IT.”

James 1:22
But BE DOERS OF THE WORD, AND NOT HEARERS ONLY, deceiving yourselves.

While Messiah was in the world He worked the works of the Father.

John 9:4-5
"I must WORK THE WORKS OF HIM WHO SENT ME while it is day; the NIGHT IS COMING WHEN NO ONE CAN
WORK. AS LONG AS I AM IN THE WORLD, I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.”

And just as He worked, we too must continue the Father’s work until He comes again.

John 1:14a
And THE WORD BECAME FLESH, and dwelt among us...

John 17:17-18
SANCTIFY THEM BY Your truth. YOUR WORD is truth. AS YOU SENT ME INTO THE WORLD, I ALSO HAVE SENT THEM INTO THE WORLD.

We must die to the flesh and allow the Light of God’s Word that is in us to shine in this world.

Galatians 2:20
I have been crucified with Messiah; IT IS NO LONGER I WHO LIVE, BUT MESSIAH LIVES IN ME; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Messiah said:
“As long as I am in the world, I am the Light of the world...”

and:
“YOU are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.”

Messiah died and rose again so that we might be reconciled to the Father. The life we live now, we live for the Father serving Him only.
Revelation 12:17
And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, WHO KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD AND HAVE THE TESTIMONY OF YEHOSHUA MESSIAH.

God's people keep His commands by the grace given to them through His Son.

So, let us shine His Light, the Light of God’s Word, in this dark world; so that all of mankind may see the narrow path that leads back home to the Father, for this is to be our wisdom and our light IN THE SIGHT of all the nations.

Deuteronomy 4:1-10
“Now, O Israel, LISTEN TO THE STATUTES AND THE JUDGMENTS WHICH I TEACH YOU TO OBSERVE, THAT YOU MAY LIVE, AND GO IN AND POSSESS THE LAND WHICH THE LORD GOD OF YOUR FATHERS IS GIVING YOU. YOU SHALL NOT ADD TO THE WORD WHICH I COMMAND YOU, NOR TAKE FROM IT, THAT YOU MAY KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD YOUR GOD WHICH I COMMAND YOU. Your eyes have seen what the Lord did at Baal Peor; for the Lord your God has destroyed from among you all the men who followed Baal of Peor. But you who held fast to the Lord your God are alive today, every one of you. Surely I HAVE TAUGHT YOU STATUTES AND JUDGMENTS, JUST AS THE LORD MY GOD COMMANDED ME, THAT YOU SHOULD ACT ACCORDING TO THEM in the land which you go to possess. THEREFORE BE CAREFUL TO OBSERVE THEM; FOR THIS IS YOUR WISDOM AND YOUR
UNDERSTANDING IN THE SIGHT OF THE PEOPLES WHO WILL HEAR ALL THESE STATUTES, AND SAY, ‘SURELY THIS GREAT NATION IS A WISE AND UNDERSTANDING PEOPLE.’ “FOR WHAT GREAT NATION IS THERE THAT HAS GOD SO NEAR TO IT, AS THE LORD OUR GOD IS TO US, FOR WHATEVER REASON WE MAY CALL UPON HIM? AND WHAT GREAT NATION IS THERE THAT HAS SUCH STATUTES AND RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENTS AS ARE IN ALL THIS LAW (TORAH) WHICH I SET BEFORE YOU THIS DAY? Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. AND TEACH THEM TO YOUR CHILDREN AND YOUR GRANDCHILDREN, especially concerning the day you stood before the Lord your God in Horeb, when the Lord said to me, ‘GATHER THE PEOPLE TO ME, AND I WILL LET THEM HEAR MY WORDS, THAT THEY MAY LEARN TO FEAR ME ALL THE DAYS THEY LIVE ON THE EARTH, AND THAT THEY MAY TEACH THEIR CHILDREN.’

The wise will keep their spiritual lamp lit by keeping the Law (Torah), and the testimony of Yehoshua Messiah in their vessels.

Psalms 19:7
THE LAW (TORAH) of Yehovah is perfect, converting the soul; THE TESTIMONY of Yehovah is sure, MAKING WISE THE SIMPLE.

Matthew 25:1-13
“Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins WHO TOOK THEIR LAMPS and went out to meet the bridegroom. NOW FIVE OF THEM WERE WISE, AND FIVE
WERE FOOLISH. THOSE WHO WERE FOOLISH TOOK THEIR LAMPS AND TOOK NO OIL WITH THEM, BUT THE WISE TOOK OIL IN THEIR VESSELS WITH THEIR LAMPS. But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. “And at midnight a cry was heard: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’ Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And THE FOOLISH SAID TO THE WISE, ‘GIVE US SOME OF YOUR OIL, FOR OUR LAMPS ARE GOING OUT.’ But the wise answered, saying, ‘No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and THOSE WHO WERE READY WENT IN WITH HIM TO THE WEDDING; AND THE DOOR WAS SHUT. “AFTERWARD THE OTHER VIRGINS CAME ALSO, SAYING, ‘LORD, LORD, OPEN TO US!’ BUT HE ANSWERED AND SAID, ‘ASSUREDLY, I SAY TO YOU, I DO NOT KNOW YOU.’ “Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.”

The Bridegroom will know His bride at His coming, because the light in her lamp still shines in the darkness.

Proverbs 31:10, 18, 26
10 Who can find A VIRTUOUS WIFE? For her worth is far above rubies.
18 She perceives that her merchandise is good, And HER LAMP DOES NOT GO OUT BY NIGHT.
26 SHE OPENS HER MOUTH WITH WISDOM, AND ON HER TONGUE IS THE LAW (TORAH) of kindness.

Isaiah 8:20
TO THE LAW (TORAH) AND TO THE TESTIMONY! IF
THEY DO NOT SPEAK ACCORDING TO THIS WORD, IT IS BECAUSE THERE IS NO LIGHT IN THEM.

Matthew 5:14-17
"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. Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill."

Shall I hide God’s Word under a basket? No. I’m gonna let it shine.

"This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. Hide it under a bushel - NO! I'm gonna let it shine. Hide it under a bushel - NO! I'm gonna let it shine, Hide it under a bushel - NO! I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. Don't let Satan blow it out! I'm gonna let it shine. Don't let Satan blow it out! I'm gonna let it shine Don't let Satan blow it out! I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Let it shine til Jesus comes.
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine til Jesus comes.
I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine til Jesus comes.
I'm gonna let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine."