

THE TABERNACLE #6
Exodus 25:31
THE LAMPSTAND (CANDLESTICK)
Part I

Intro: Seven pieces of furniture – Arranged in a particular Order
They lead us to Salvation – Satisfaction – Glory
Pictures of: Christ – Salvation – Humanity – New Testament Church

**EXPLANATION OF THE WORD
CANDLESTICK**

- A. In Bible days, the word "Candlestick" was not the same as our modern day understanding.
- B. The word "Candlestick" is not a bad translation – but a difference in understanding
- C. The only source of light that Eastern people had in those days was called "Candlestick."
 - 1. They used a small little clay pot to hold oil which they lit and it gave light
 - 2. They set the small pot on a 3-legged tripod, which was called a "Candlestick."
 - 3. **Matthew 5:15** "...put on a "Candlestick."
 - 4. **Luke 8:16 – Mark 4:21** "...ON A CANDLESTICK..."
- D. Today: It is obvious that our English word is better understood as a "Lampstand."
- E. At no time or place in Scripture is a candle used in worship!
 - 1. Some religions use candles today in worship
 - a. That is absolutely erroneous!!
 - 2. Today, "We still are to follow the pattern which God showed us in His Word.
 - 3. We are not free to change God's plans for worship, service, or anything we do.

I. Lessons Concerning the Savior (Exodus 25:31)

- A. He is the **LIGHT** of the world (**John 1:4**) (**John 1:9**)
 - 1. Lampstand gives light – (**John 9:5**)
 - a. John 9:5 "I am the light of the world."
 - 2. The Holy Place had no windows.
 - a. Three types of Light:
 - 1. Natural light – excluded from the tabernacle
 - a. Carnal man desires natural light (**I Cor. 2:14**)
 - 2. Holy Spirit light
 - a. Saved people should desire this particular light (**Eph. 5:18**)
 - 3. Shekinah Glory Light – (**Exodus 40:34**)
 - a. (**Rev. 22:5**) **GOD is the light....**
 - b. A "fourth light" has come into the church in the last few years.
 - 1. Artificial: Created by Humans - Worldly light
 - 2. Churches are using all types of "worldly" light to attract people
 - a. With whatever means you attract them –
 - b. You have to "keep giving" them – in order to keep them.
 - c. Example: Entertainment!
 - b. **Must come inside to receive light**
 - c. Darkness has only ONE enemy: Super natural light – HOLY SPIRIT LIGHT
- B. He is the **LIFE** of the world – (**Exodus 25:31**).
 - 1. Lights the world – light was the life** (**John 1:4**)
 - 1. Just a branch - Rod – Buds – flowers - pictures LIFE!
 - a. Lampstand: Buds – Flowers – "Almonds"
 - b. Almonds – Speaks of Resurrection – Pictures LIFE. (**Numbers 17:8**)