

THE TABERNACLE #7
Exodus 25:31
THE LAMPSTAND (CANDLESTICK)
Part II

- I. Pictures of the New Testament Christians (Exodus 25:32) – Pictures Believers – Saints)**
- A. The Design of the Candlestick
1. Bowls – In shape of Almonds (Exodus 37:19)
 - a. Speaks of Resurrection (Numbers 17:8)
 2. Flowers – Lilies (Song of Solomon 2:1) "The Lily of the Valley"
 - a. Tender – Hebrews 7:26
 3. Knobs – Pomegranates – Fruitfulness
 - a. On hem of the garment worn by the Priest.
- B. The center shaft – picture of Christ – the Vine (John 15:1-5).
1. "Four" bowls, flowers, knobs: The number of "Creation or Beginning"
- C. Three branches on each side = 3 + 3 = 6 (The number of man)
1. "Three" bowls, flowers, knobs: Number of Deity (Explained later)
- D. (One + Six = Seven)
1. **The number of completion and Perfection**

THE CANDLESTICK GAVE LIGHT

- F. Jesus Said: "I AM THE LIGHT." (John 9:5)
1. "Ye are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14)
 - a. **ONLY way to produce light is "with the Oil of the Holy Spirit."** (Eph. 5:18)
 - b. ABIDING IN HIM – Only way to: (John 15:4 & 5)
 1. Have life
 2. Have light
 3. Bear fruit
 - a. **Not by our own abilities or worldly programs**
 - b. **By "abiding" – ONLY - by abiding!**
 2. John 15:16 – Ordained to bear fruit!
 3. Psalms 126:6 – Go forth – bearing precious seed. – shall DOUBTLESS
 - a. How? **By continually abiding in Him (Developed later.....)**

THE SIX BRANCHES PICTURE TWO THINGS

- A. Side by side with Christ – (Romans 8:17)
- a. **Heirs – Heirs of God – Joint Heirs with Christ**
 - b. Eph. 5:25 – Christ gave himself for the Church
 - c. Eph. 5:30 – We are members of his body
 - d. II Peter 1:4 – Partakers of His divine nature
 - e. Col. 1:18 - He ALWAYS has the pre-eminence
- B. No branches come out of the front
- a. No Christian should ever try to "take the credit" for individual accomplishments
 1. **PICTURED IN "NO WOOD" IN THE LAMPSTAND.**
 - b. No Christian should desire "the lime-light"
 - c. If this occurs – **you know that that Christian is proud and carnal!**
 1. Luke 14:11 – "... shall be abased"

THE LAMPSTAND WAS A PICTURE OF THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

(Exodus 25:36 & 39)

- A. The Lampstand contained NO WOOD – **only piece of furniture with no wood!**
- B. The number "7" is the number of completion and perfection
 - 1. Center Vine is Christ – six branches are believers = Seven
 - 2. When Christ is honored, as He should be, no human element (wood) will be seen!
 - 3. **YOU CANNOT ADD ANYTHING TO COMPLETE AND PERFECT**
- C. **PERFECT Picture of Christ and His Church (you and me)**
 - 1. God saw the church – complete and perfect – before the foundation of the world
 - a. Ephesians 1:4
 - 2. Before man saw the light of day – God saw the church **complete & perfect**
 - 3. Before the foundation of the world – God saw a **beautiful body of believers**
 - a. How did he see us? **Without spot or wrinkle** (Ephesians 5:27)
 - b. Before man sinned – God had planned for salvation
 - c. After man was saved, God planned for our glorification (Romans 8:29-31)
 - 1. We are not "grafted" in!
 - 2. We are not "added" onto the vine
 - 3. We are ONE with the Vine! (Exodus 25:36 & 39)
 - c. By Sovereign Grace
- D. **This is a PERFECT picture of eternal security!**
 - a. This was not unveiled by the Old Testament Saints
 - b. This was not unveiled until "The Church Age"
Paul: Ephesians 5:30-32
- E. There were **no seams** in the Lampstand
 - a. If a branch could fall off – it would be useless
 - b. No "foot" to stand on
 - c. Adam and Eve were made - - - ONE
 - d. Jesus said:
I am the vine – YE are the branches – ONE BODY IN CHRIST
d. We are as much a part of Christ as your arm is part of your body!

REPEAT

- A. None of the branches came out toward the front of the Lampstand
 - a. No leader should ever "step in front of Christ."
 - b. No Christian should ever seek to be "in the limelight."
 - c. **We are to "exalt Christ" and Christ alone!** (Col. 1:18)
- B. **Moses' Day: God said: See that thou make it after the pattern!** (Exodus 25:40)
- C. **Today - See that thou understand it as God had Moses make it**
- D. **New Testament Days – See that thou follow the pattern**