

THE TABERNACLE #8
Exodus 25
THE LAMPSTAND (CANDLESTICK)
Part III

IV. Lessons Concerning the Holy Spirit (Remember – no candles)

A. Exodus 27:20-21 – Lampstand used nothing but "Pure Olive Oil!"

1. Holy anointing oil (Exodus 30:23-38) – (Exod. 37:29) - (Leviticus 24:2)
 - a. Lev 8:12 - Used in Old Testament to anoint the priest (Exodus 37:29)
 - b. Luke 4:18 - Picture of the Holy Spirit anointing Christians in the NT (Acts 10:38)

B. Jesus, when he came to earth was "The God/Man" (Phil 2:5-6)

1. He came to earth and was "made flesh" (John 1:14)
2. He took on the form of a man (Phil. 2:7-8)
 - a. Form of a servant
 - b. Likeness of man
 - c. Fashioned as a man
 - d. Obedient unto death (He died – God in the form of a man)

C. Jesus, AS A MAN, gave us a pattern and instructed us to follow the pattern

1. Matthew 16:24 – "follow me..."
2. I Cor. 11:1 – Paul acknowledged this truth
3. Phil 2:5, "...have this mind in you..."
4. Romans 8:29 "Be conformed to the **image of his Son**..."

D. We are never told to be "like God."

1. We would have had no pattern to follow
2. You and I cannot be like God!
3. God is so Holy that man cannot look on Him and live

E. Jesus, when he came to earth, as a man, did all he did in the power of the Holy Spirit.

1. He was tempted "in his flesh" as a man - (Hebrews 4:14-15)
 - a. God cannot be tempted (James 1:13!)

JESUS DID ALL THAT HE DID BY THE ANNOINTING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!

A. Watch!!! Holy Spirit energized Jesus

1. Luke 1:35 – Holy Spirit bequeathed Jesus
2. Acts 10:38 - God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit with power
3. Luke 3:21-22 – Holy Ghost descended on him...
4. Luke 4:1 – Full of Holy Spirit – Led by Holy Spirit
5. Luke 4:14 – Returned to Galilee with Power.
 - a. Had defeated Satan in the POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (4:1-4:13)
6. Luke 4:18 – Jesus preached in the power of the spirit.
 - a. God anointed him to preach
7. Matthew 12:22-28 - Jesus cast out devils by the Holy Spirit
8. Hebrew 9:14 – Offered Himself, through His blood, by the Holy Spirit
9. Romans 8:11 – Holy Spirit raised up Christ from the dead!
10. Isaiah 11:2 – Prophesied in the Old Testament
11. ALL that Jesus did in His earthly ministry was done by the power of the Holy Spirit.

B. SHOWS US that we can do everything He did! – In the power of the Holy Spirit!

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." (John 14: 12)

"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." (John 14:16-17)

- A. This clearly teaches us that - the ONLY power we need in order to do the work of Christ is
 - a. **THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**
 - b. **Zec. 4:6 "Not by might, nor by power – but by my Spirit saith the LORD."**
- B. Jesus depended on the power of the Holy Spirit.
 - a. **He made that same power available to us**

THE BEAUTY OF THE LAMPSTAND

- A. It was the most beautiful of all the pieces of furniture in the Tabernacle.
 - 1. Beauty is not enough
 - 2. The ONLY purpose of the Lampstand was not beauty
 - a. **Purpose was TO GIVE LIGHT**
- B. A church may have a beautiful service
 - 1. The church can have a beautiful service without the power and light of the Holy Spirit
 - 2. The church MUST have the "oil burning" to give light.
- C. The Lampstand gave light "in" the Holy Place
 - 1. Christians should be concerned about their light "in" the church
 - a. Their light "before" God – (Exodus 40:25)
 - b. Their light "before" each other
 - 2. If a Christian is "**right inside the church**" – he/she will **radiate light outside the church.**
- D. **Light is not the result of a beautiful lampstand**
 - 1. Light is the result of the Candlesticks being "filled with oil" (Eph. 5:18)
- E. The Lampstand was lighted "BEFORE the Lord."
 - 1. **Oil was added EVERY morning and EVERY evening** (Exod. 27:20-21 & Lev. 24:3)
 - a. World knew they had been with Jesus – they saw light (Acts 4:13)
 - 2. MOSES: His face shined (Exodus 34:29-35) – Because he "met with God"
 - A. He did not realize it – but the people saw it

THE TONGS AND THE STUFF DISHES

The tongs and snuff dishes used in trimming the lampstand are a picture of the cleansing of believers. Daily, the priest removed any dead material from the wick that might prevent the light from shining brightly. Christians are the "wick of God," using the "oil" of the Holy Spirit to give light. When the light is shining brightly, the stick is not seen, but if the light dims or goes out, the black-charred wick is noticed. If our "wick" is defective, the oil of the Holy Spirit is unable to flow through us, causing the light of Christ to "flicker and then die." Christians must be continually "trimmed." That is done either by "self-examination" (I Cor. 11:31) or by "chastening" by the Lord (Hebrew 12:5-11). When unconfessed sin remains in our lives, "we grieve the Holy Spirit" (Eph. 4:30-31)

The priest then placed the used portions of the wick into a "snuff dish" and carried them out of the Tabernacle and disposed of it. The Lord disposes of our purged sins far away from His holy presence (Psalms 103:12). When we burn brightly, "we are not seen." but His glory shines through us.