

Sanctuary Messages Series
Lesson 8: The Candlestick
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**Remember: No windows in the Holy Place... Need light to see... Light in the HOLY PLACE...
Royalty. We learn the lessons of Sanctification in the Golden Room, Holy and Most Holy Place.**

1 Peter 2:9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his **marvellous light**:

Description of the candlestick Exodus 25:31 - 40

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- 31** And thou shalt make a candlestick *of* pure gold: *of* beaten work shall the candlestick be made: his shaft, and his branches, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, shall be of the same.
- 32** And six branches shall come out of the sides of it; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side:
- 33** Three bowls made like unto almonds, *with* a knop and a flower in one branch; and three bowls made like almonds in the other branch, *with* a knop and a flower: so in the six branches that come out of the candlestick.
- 34** And in the candlestick *shall be* four bowls made like unto almonds, *with* their knops and their flowers.
- 35** And *there shall be* a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, according to the six branches that proceed out of the candlestick.
- 36** Their knops and their branches shall be of the same: all it *shall be* **one beaten work of pure gold.**
- 37** And thou shalt make the **seven lamps** thereof: and they shall light the lamps thereof, that they may give light over against it.
- 38** And the tongs thereof, and the snuffdishes thereof, *shall be of* pure gold.
- 39** *Of* a talent of pure gold shall he make it, with all these vessels.
- 40** And look that thou make *them* after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount.

Candlestick = Hebrew = menorah > men-o-raw [menorah] with six branches = seven lamps

1. Beaten work – Pure Gold
2. Parts of the candlestick:
3. Shaft = base
4. Branches (Six, 3 on each side)
5. 3 Bowls on each shaped like almonds
6. knobs = decorative chandelier knob
7. flowers = buds
8. middle candlestick with 4 bowls like almonds

Candlestick Not candlesticks

All six branches are unified with the candlestick (7 lamps)... Beaten from one solid gold block

As a whole who does candlestick represent?

John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

John 12:35, 36, 46, 47

- 35 Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth.
- 36 While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.
- 46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.
- 47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

**Main meaning - Jesus is the Menorah (the light) the Candlestick to the WORLD.
The illumination of the light is the works and ministry of Christ.**

What does the candlestick represent?

Psalm 119:105 Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Proverbs 6:23 For the commandment *is* a lamp; and the law *is* light; and reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life: _

God's Word and His Commandment / His Law is the Light, a menorah.

Who is the Word?**John 1:1-9, 14**

- 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- 2 The same was in the beginning with God.
- 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.
- 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
- 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.
- 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John.
- 7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all *men* through him might believe.
- 8 He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light.
- 9 *That* was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.
- 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Deeper understanding of the meaning of the menorah.

Candlestick with branches with almonds and flowers buds (could have been a stand alone candlestick). Why branches? What lesson is Jesus teaching us about sanctification?

John 15:1-7

- 1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.
- 2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.
- 3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.
- 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.
- 5 I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.
- 6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned.

7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Abide = Greek, "meno" to stay, remain, endure, dwell...

If you meno on the menorah your are a living branch! This is where Christ's character is manifested in YOU!

Romans 11:16-17

16 For if the firstfruit *be* holy, the lump *is* also *holy*: and if the root *be* holy, so *are* the branches.

17 And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree;

Jesus is the true Vine and His people are the branches on the candlestick. Jesus is also the roots or the base of the candlestick.

Also – notice branches with buds and almonds... sanctification is a living experience with the fruits and the sweet smelling of the character of God!

Remember: The Illuminating Light of Christ = His compassionate works.

The Menorah teaches us that you must do what Jesus does! We must follow Him daily and MUST stay connected. We are the branches. As Christ's perfect church we are do what Jesus does and follow his *example*.

1 Peter 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

What are examples of the illuminating works of Jesus Christ?

Luke 4:18 - 19

18 *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,*

19 *To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.*

What the illuminating works of God's faithful that are sanctified through God's Word?

Isaiah 58:6 – 8

8 *Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?*

7 *Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?*

8 *Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy reward.*

Matthew 5:14 - 16

14 *Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.*

15 *Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light*

unto all that are in the house.

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

The illumination or light is the work of Christ. It is also our good works in Christ.

Luke 8:16 No man, when he hath lighted a candle, covereth it with a vessel, or putteth *it* under a bed; but setteth *it* on a candlestick, that they which enter in may see the light.

What is God's Last day promise to His faithful people lighting the world with His truth?

Isaiah 60:1 - 3

- 1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.
- 2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.
- 3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

The Menorah Light burned continually in the Holy Place as instructed by God.

Leviticus 24:1 - 4

- 1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
- 2 Command the children of Israel, that they bring unto thee pure oil olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamps to burn continually.
- 3 Without the vail of the testimony, in the tabernacle of the congregation, shall Aaron order it from the evening unto the morning before the LORD continually: *it shall be* a statute for ever in your generations.
- 4 He shall order the lamps upon the pure candlestick before the LORD continually.

Pure Olive Oil was used to keep the menorah burning brightly continually in the temple.

Who does the olive oil represent?

Zechariah 4:1 - 14

- 1 And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep,
- 2 And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which *are* upon the top thereof:
- 3 And two olive trees by it, one upon the right *side* of the bowl, and the other upon the left *side* thereof.
- 4 So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What *are* these, my lord?
- 5 Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.
- 6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This *is* the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.
- 7 Who *art* thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel *thou shalt become* a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone *thereof with* shoutings, *crying*, Grace, grace unto it.
- 8 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
- 9 The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.
- 10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet (tool to keep line straight) in the hand of Zerubbabel *with* those seven; they *are* the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

- 11 Then answered I, and said unto him, What *are* these two olive trees upon the right *side* of the candlestick and upon the left *side* thereof?
- 12 And I answered again, and said unto him, What *be* these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden *oil* out of themselves?
- 13 And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these *be*? And I said, No, my lord.
- 14 Then said he, These *are* the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

Who are the olive trees?

Revelation 11:1 - 6

- 1 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.
- 2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty *and* two months.
- 3 And I will give *power* unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.
- 4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.
- 5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.
- 6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

Olive trees are the two witnesses who are also lights. What is the light? God's Word... Two. Old Testament (witness) and New Testament (witness)

You cannot shine without the HOLY SPIRIT. His Oil gives you a continual burn for the Lord! Shine brighter and brighter reflecting the compassionate works and character of Jesus Christ!

YOU MUST HAVE OIL TO MAKE TO THE END.

What are the lessons of the parable of the five wise and five foolish virgins?

Parable of the Ten Virgins

In the parable, all the ten virgins went out to meet the bridegroom. All had lamps and vessels for oil. For a time there was seen no difference between them. So with the church that lives just before Christ's Second Coming. All have a knowledge of the Scriptures. All have heard the message of Christ's near approach, and confidently expect His appearing. But as in the parable, so it is now, a time of waiting intervenes, faith is tried; and when the cry is heard, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him," many are unready. They have no oil in their vessels with their lamps. They are destitute of the Holy Spirit.

Without the Spirit of God, a knowledge of His word is of no avail. The theory of truth, unaccompanied by the Holy Spirit, cannot quicken the soul or sanctify the heart. One may be familiar with the commands and promises of the Bible; but unless the Spirit of God sets the truth home, the character will not be transformed. Without the enlightenment of the Spirit, men will not be able to distinguish truth from error, and they will fall under the masterful temptations of Satan.

The class represented by the foolish virgins are not hypocrites. They have a regard for the truth, they have advocated for the truth, they are attracted to those who believe the truth; but they have not yielded themselves to the Holy Spirit's working.