

## Worship God's Way – The Lampstand

Recap the Altar, Laver, Shewbread

### Worship is sacrifice

- **Genesis 22:3-5** So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. <sup>5</sup>And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; **the lad and I will go yonder and worship**, and we will come back to you."
- **Romans 12:1** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your reasonable service*.
  - Service – *latreia* – worship, divine service (noun)
  - *Proskuneos* is the verb

### The Golden Lampstand

**Exodus 25:31-34, 37-39** "You shall also make a lampstand of pure gold; the lampstand shall be of hammered work. Its shaft, its branches, its bowls, its *ornamental* knobs, and flowers shall be *of one piece*. <sup>32</sup> And six branches shall come out of its sides: three branches of the lampstand out of one side, and three branches of the lampstand out of the other side. <sup>33</sup> Three bowls *shall be* made like almond *blossoms* on one branch, *with an ornamental* knob and a flower, and three bowls made like almond *blossoms* on the other branch, *with an ornamental* knob and a flower—and so for the six branches that come out of the lampstand. <sup>34</sup> On the lampstand itself four bowls *shall be* made like almond *blossoms*, *each with its ornamental* knob and flower... <sup>37</sup> You shall make seven lamps for it, and they shall arrange its lamps so that they give light in front of it. <sup>38</sup> And its wick-trimmers and their trays *shall be* of pure gold. <sup>39</sup> It shall be made of a talent of pure gold, with all these utensils.

- This is the first object of pure gold. No wood. No humanity.

- There is only gold. This is the Holy Spirit.
- 75 pounds (\$2,896,939)
- Burned continuously
- Priests refilled the oil and trimmed wicks regularly
- Pure olive oil used

### **What does the Lampstand Represent?**

The room is enclosed and no outside light came in. The lampstand is the only light in the Holy Place.

God does not intend people to be in darkness

The Lampstand is light in a dark place.

- **Revelation 1:12-13** Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup> and in the midst of the seven lampstands *One* like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band.
- **Revelation 1:20** The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.
  - Here, the lampstand is the church. The church is to be a light in a dark place.
  - In Rev. 2:5 Jesus threatened to remove the lampstand from Ephesus – the Loveless Church.
- **Revelation 11:3-4** And I will give *power* to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.” <sup>4</sup> These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth.
  - **The 2 witnesses in Revelation are bringing light to a dark world.**
- **Matthew 5:14** “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden
  - How are we light?

- What is the lampstand filled with?
- Oil = Holy Spirit

Lamps = Spiritual light shining in darkness

**The Lamp is the Light. The Oil that fuels the lamp is the Holy Spirit.**

- A church will only be light in the dark when it is empowered by the Holy Spirit.
- We will only be light in the dark when we are empowered by the Holy Spirit

When coming into the presence of God, there was nothing to do at this station. It just is. It is the light by which everything else is done.

We worship in Spirit and in Truth. The Holy Spirit is also the Spirit of Truth.

**Exodus 27:20-21** "And you shall command the children of Israel that they bring you pure oil of pressed olives for the light, to cause the lamp to burn continually. <sup>21</sup> In the tabernacle of meeting, outside the veil which *is* before the Testimony, Aaron and his sons shall tend it from evening until morning before the LORD. *It shall be* a statute forever to their generations on behalf of the children of Israel.

- But when tending to things, the priests had to take care of the lamp to keep it going so that there would be light.
- We must tend to our lamps so that we have light when it is needed.
- Parable of 10 virgins.
- How do we tend our lamps?
  - Surrender
  - Obedience
  - Seeking filling
  - Avoiding living in the flesh

**The Lamps:**

**Exodus 25:37** You shall make seven lamps for it, and they shall arrange its lamps so that they give light in front of it.

- **Zechariah 4:1-2** Now the angel who talked with me came back and wakened me, as a man who is wakened out of his sleep. <sup>2</sup> And he said to me, “What do you see?” So I said, “I am looking, and there *is* a lampstand of solid gold with a bowl on top of it, and on the *stand* seven lamps with seven pipes to the seven lamps.
- There are 7 lamps on the lampstand
- These represent the 7 spirits of God
- There is only 1 Holy Spirit..
- **Revelation 4:5** And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire *were* burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

What are the 7 Spirits of God?

- **Isaiah 11:2** The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.
- 7 is the number of completion and perfection. The “seven spirits of God” are thus a reference to the Holy Spirit in the perfection of His manifold ministry.
  - 1) The Spirit of the LORD
  - 2) The Spirit of wisdom
  - 3) The Spirit of understanding
  - 4) The Spirit of counsel
  - 5) The Spirit of might
  - 6) The Spirit of knowledge
  - 7) The Spirit of the fear of the Lord

**When we are fully led by the Holy Spirit, filled with the Spirit, then those traits will be a part of our worship.**

1. Spirit of the Lord – Authority. Conquering. King. This also brings freedom.
  - **2 Corinthians 3:17** Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty.
  - Liberty from sin and law. Transfer of authority – from Satan to Jesus, from death to life.

2. Spirit of Wisdom – Understanding God’s ways and purposes. Discernment of truth. Revelations are found here.
  - **Colossians 3:16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
3. Spirit of Understanding – Understanding of God’s will
  - **Colossians 1:9** For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;
4. Spirit of Counsel – wisdom, guidance, direction
  - **Mark 13:11** But when they arrest *you* and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.
5. The Spirit of Might – Holy Spirit Power. Actual power.
  - **Acts 1:8** But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
6. The Spirit of Knowledge – Knowing all things spiritual
  - **John 14:25-26** “These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.
7. The Spirit of the Fear of the Lord – Reverence and Awe of God
  - **Psalms 89:7** God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be held in reverence by all those around Him.

These are what light is made out of. These are what enable us to see. To really see.

These are expectations we should have as we enter the presence of God. Do we? Are these what we expect to manifest?