

*Christ In The Old Testament*  
*“The Light Of The World”*  
*Exodus 35:14; 25:31-40*

**Introduction:**

1. The First Thing:
  - God Created In This World - With His Own Voice:
    - Was Light!
      - Genesis 1:2 Tells Us:
        - “And God said, Let there be light: and there was light!”
    - And - Ever Since God Did This:
      - He Intended For Us:
        - To Live Our Lives:
          - In His Light!
2. We Need God’s Light!
  - Not Only To Illuminate:
    - The World In Which We Live!
      - But Even:
        - The Room We Are In!
          - To See & Read & Work By!
      - And - This Was No Different:
        - In The Tabernacle:
          - Which We Have Been Examining:
            - Over The Last Several Weeks!
3. In The Tabernacle:
  - There Was A Need For Light!
    - Not For **God**:
      - To See By!
        - But For His **Priests**!
          - To See By & To Serve By!
    - And That Is Why:
      - We Come To The Next Article:
        - That Was Put In The Holy Place:
          - Of The Tabernacle:
            - The Golden Candlestick Or Lamp-Stand!
4. So - To Begin:
  - Lets Open Back Our Bibles To:
    - Exodus 35 - Which Gives Us:
      - A Summary Of All The Different Articles:
        - That Were To Be Used:
          - In The Tabernacle!
    - We Are Using Exodus 35:11-19:
      - As An Outline:
        - In Our Search For Christ:
          - In The Tabernacle!
4. In 35:11:
  - We Are Told About:
    - “The tabernacle, his tent, and his covering, his taches, and his boards, his bars, his pillars, and his sockets!”
      - These Articles Made Up:
        - The Tabernacle Structure Itself!
      - Which Pointed Us To:
        - The Person Of Christ Himself:
          - With His Two Natures:
            - As Both Man & God!
5. In 35:12:
  - We Are Told About:
    - “The ark, and the staves thereof, with the mercy seat, and the vail of the covering!”

- All Of These Articles:
  - Were Part Of The Holy Of Holies:
    - Which Was The Exclusive Place:
      - Where God Would Fulfill His Purpose For The Tabernacle!
- The Same Purpose:
  - That God Gave Moses Back In:
    - Exodus 29:42-46 - Which Was:
      - To Meet With His People!
      - To Sanctify His People! And:
      - To Dwell With His People:
        - So That His People:
          - Might Know Him!
- And - All Of These Objects:
  - Inside This Room:
    - Point Us To Jesus Christ:
      - As The Greatest Treasure:
        - In All The World!

6. In 35:13:

- We Are Told About:
  - “The table, and his staves, and all his vessels, and the shewbread!”
- These Articles:
  - Were Placed On The North Side Of:
    - The Holy Place!
  - And - This Special Table:
    - Shows Us That Jesus Christ:
      - Is The Connection:
        - Between Heaven & Earth!
        - Between The Presence Of God & The People Of God!
  - And That - Through Him Alone:
    - We Can Have Fellowship:
      - With God!

7. In 35:14:

- We Are Next Told About:
  - “The candlestick also for the light, and his furniture, and his lamps, with the oil for the light!”
- The “Candlestick” - Which In Hebrew:
  - Is Called The “Menorah” - Was Used:
    - To Support The Light:
      - That Would Illuminate:
        - The Interior Of The Sanctuary!
  - And - It Was Placed In:
    - The South Side - Opposite To:
      - The Table Of Shewbread!
- The “Lamps” - Of Which There Were Seven:
  - And Placed Atop The Seven Branches:
    - Of The Menorah - Were Used:
      - To Shine Forth The Light - And:
        - To Direct The Light:
          - Into The Sanctuary!
- The “Oil” - Which Was To Be Made:
  - Of The Purest Olive Oil:
    - Was Used:
      - To Stimulate The Light!
        - Because - No Oil - No Light!
- So - Everything In 35:14:
  - Was “For The Light!”
    - And - The Instructions For This Important Article:
      - Are Found Back In Exodus 25!
        - So Let’s Turn There Next:

- And Read Together:

- 25:31-40 - “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!”

- In These Verses - We Are Given:

- The Specifications Of:

- This Seven-Branch Lamp-Stand:

- Made From A Talent:

- Of Pure Gold!

- 75 Pounds!

- And - You Can See An Artists Rendition:

- Of The Lamp Stand On The Back:

- Of Your Message Guide!

- Now - Just Like We’ve Seen:

- With The Other Articles Of The Tabernacle:

- All Of The Details:

- For The “Menorah” - Were Given:

- For A Purpose!

- And - Once Again:

- That Will Be Our Focus Tonight!

- The Significance Of:

- The Specifications:

- Of The Menorah!

- And - The First Thing We Can Learn Is:

## **1. *The Function Of The Menorah!***

- Of Course - Its Main Function:

- Was A Very Practical Function!

- It Was To Bring Light:

- Into The Darkness:

- Of The Tabernacle!

- Or - At Least - The Outer-Most Room Of The Tabernacle!

- The Holy Place!

- But - The Light Of The Menorah:

- Was Meant To Do More - And To Point Us To:

- The Primary Giver & Bearer Of Light:

- God Himself - And Particularly:

- The Lord Jesus Christ!

- The Central Branch:

- Of The Menorah:

- The “Shaft” - 25:31 - According To Tradition:

- Was Later Called The “Servant Branch!”

- And - The Light From The Lamp On This Branch:

- Was Never To Be Extinguished Or Let Die!

- And So - From The Lamp On This Branch:

- All Of The Other Lamps:

- Would Be Lit!

- And This Central Branch:

- Of The Menorah:

- Represents:
  - The **Person** Of Christ!
- Who Said Of Himself:
  - In John 8:12:
    - “**I** am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life!”
- And Yet - From This Central Branch - We Can See:
- The Connecting Branches:
  - Of The Menorah!
    - A Total Of Six - 25:32 - Three On Each Side!
    - Either Rounded Or Straight!
    - Most Likely Rounded:
      - Based On The Menorah Taken By The Romans!
      - Arch Of Titus!
- And - These Connecting Branches:
  - Of The Menorah:
    - Represent:
      - The **People** Of Christ!
  - Because - Even Though:
    - Jesus Said:
      - “**I** Am The Light Of The World!”
    - He Also Said:
      - In Matthew 5:14 - “**Ye** are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid!”
- And - The Light Of Christ:
  - Much Like The Central Light Of The Menorah:
    - Was Used To:
      - Bring The Light Of His Life:
        - To Us - Who Would Then:
          - Shine Forth His Light:
            - To The World Around Us!
  - And Yet - All Seven Of The Branches:
    - According To 25:36 - “Shall Be Of The Same! All It Shall Be One Beaten Work Of Pure Gold!”
    - This Intricate Lamp Stand:
      - Was To Be Made By:
        - Beating / Hammering The Gold Into Its Shape!
    - According To Jewish Tradition:
      - This Was The Most Difficult Article Of The Tabernacle:
        - To Make! And - That’s Not Hard:
          - To Imagine Why!
- But - Isn’t This Still:
  - How The Light Of Christ & Christians:
    - Is Spread? Even Through:
      - Difficulty & Adversity!
  - The Light Of Christ:
    - Was Spread:
      - Through The Cross!
        - Even The Hammering Of His Body To The Tree!
  - And - The Light Of Christians:
    - Has Been & Continues To Be Spread:
      - Through Adversity & Even Persecution!
    - Tertullian - “The Blood Of The Martyrs Is The Seed Of The Church!”
- And This Is Why - Philippians 2:15:
  - We Are To Strive To Be - “Blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world!”
  - This Was The Function:
    - Of The Menorah:
      - In The Tabernacle!

- This Is The Function:
  - Of The Church:
    - As The Temple Of God!
- But - The Next Thing We Can Learn Is:

## 2. ***The Fineness Of The Menorah!***

- Once Again - It Was To Be Made:
  - All Of Gold! And:
    - From One Whole Talent Of Pure Gold!
  - It Was Designed To Be:
    - The Very Best - And:
      - The Most Beautiful!
- And - Isn't This:
  - How God Sees:
    - Not Only His Son - But Also:
      - His People - Us!
        - Since We Are Attached To Christ & United With Christ!
  - In Revelation 1 - When The Apostle John:
    - Sees A Vision Of The Glorified Christ:
      - He Saw Him:
        - 1:13 - "In The Midst Of - Seven Candlesticks!"
      - And - Each One Of Those Candlesticks - Or - Lamp Stands:
        - Was Made Of Gold! (2:1)
      - And - What Do Those Candlesticks Represent?
        - In 1:20 - The Jesus Himself Tells John:
          - "The seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches!"
- This Is Our Value:
  - To The Lord!
    - He Sees Us As Connected To:
      - Jesus Christ!
    - Even As The Golden Branches Of The Menorah:
      - Are Connected To:
        - Its Main Golden Shaft!
          - But - In Truth:
- This Is Also Our Value:
  - To The World!
    - Even If Our Value:
      - Is Hidden From Their View!
    - And - Even Though - In Their Darkness:
      - They Haven't Yet Seen:
        - Our Light!
  - Yet - What Are We To Do?
    - We Need To Remember:
      - How The Lord Sees Us!
        - In The Glory & The Beauty:
          - Of Christ!
  - But - We Also:
    - Need To Maintain:
      - This Value & Our Light:
        - Before The World! How?
          - Through What We Can Learn About:

## 3. ***The Fuel For The Menorah!***

- In Exodus 27:20 - We Are Told A Bit More:
  - About The Fuel That Was To Be Used:
    - To Keep The Light Of The Seven Lamps:
      - Burning Bright!
  - "And thou shalt command the children of Israel, that they bring thee pure oil olive beaten for the light, to

- cause the lamp to burn always!”
  - The Fuel For The Menorah:
    - Was To Be The Purest & Finest Oil:
      - From “Beaten” Olives!
    - And - This Fuel Was:
      - First & Foremost:
- Provided By The Lord!
  - Like The Olive Oil That You Might Use:
    - At Home - It Is A Natural Byproduct:
      - From A Natural Fruit:
        - Given By & Grown By:
          - God Himself!
  - Now - Often - In The Scriptures:
    - Olive Oil Is A Symbol:
      - Of The Holy Spirit!
        - And - Not Just His Person:
          - But His Provision!
  - And - This Is Still The Fuel We Need:
    - In Order To - Matthew 5:16:
      - “Let (Our) Light So Shine Before Men!”
    - Through The Holy Spirit’s:
      - Word To Us!
      - Work In Us!
      - Walk With Us!
        - We Are Able To “Shine As Lights In The World!”
  - And Yet - Even Though:
    - This Oil Is & Was:
      - Provided By The Lord:
        - It Was Also To Be:
- Prepared By The Priests!
  - In Exodus 27:21 - Aaron & His Sons:
    - Were To “Order” The Lamps:
      - “From Evening To Morning Before The Lord!”
    - And - In Exodus 30:8 - We Are Told That Aaron:
      - Was To “Light The Lamps At Even!”
  - So - It Appears That:
    - Every Morning:
      - The Lamps Were Cleaned - One By One:
        - And Restored To Their Original Condition!
      - The Linen Wicks:
        - Would Be Trimmed Or Replaced!
      - The Oil:
        - Would Be Replaced!
          - And Then:
    - Every Evening:
      - The Lamps Of The Branches:
        - Would Be Relit From:
          - The Flame Of The Center Lamp Standing On The Main Shaft:
            - Which Was To Never Go Out!
      - What A Picture This Is - Of How:
        - We Are To “Shine As Lights In The World!”
  - Every Morning Of Every Day:
    - We Need Our Fuel & Oil:
      - Replenished - Through:
        - The Word & Work Of The Holy Spirit In Our Lives!
  - Every Morning Of Every Day:
    - We Need Our Wicks Trimmed:
      - Through The Spirits Examination Of Our Hearts & Our Confession & Repentance:

- Of Sin!
- So That - Every Day & Every Night:
  - Our Fires Are Relit:
    - By Faith In The Lord Jesus Christ:
      - The “Light Of The World!”
  - We Need To Be & Stay Prepared:
    - For The Times Of Darkness:
      - That We Will Face In Our Lives & In This World!
- And - All Of This Fuel:
  - Will Then Lead To - Something Else We Can See & Learn From The Menorah!
    - And That Is:

#### 4. *The Flowers Of The Menorah!*

- All Throughout The Description Of The Menorah:
  - Back In Exodus 25 - We Read About:
    - Its Decoration!
      - And - The “Bowls” & “Knops / Knobs” & “Flowers!”
    - All Of The Decoration:
      - Was To Picture:
        - The Flowers & The Fruit:
          - Of An Almond Tree!
      - Which Was Considered To Be:
        - The Earliest Tree:
          - To Bud & Blossom In The Spring!
    - Now - We Aren’t Entirely Sure:
      - How All Of These Flowers Would Have Looked:
        - When Put Together!
          - And - That Is Why:
            - There Are So Many Renditions Of It!
    - But - The Point Of This:
      - Flowering Candlestick Is Clear!
        - It Was To:
  - Represent God’s Grace!
    - In The Tabernacle:
      - There Was A Real Branch From An Almond Tree!
        - And That Was:
          - Aaron’s Rod - That Was One Of The Items:
            - Placed Inside The Ark Of The Covenant!
      - But - That Rod Was Used By God:
        - To Show The Israelites:
          - That It Was God Who Chose:
            - Aaron & His Family:
              - To Appear Before Him:
                - As Priests!
            - You Can Read About This:
              - In Exodus 17:1-11!
          - But - When Aaron’s Rod:
            - Miraculously - “Brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds!”
              - It Was All Because Of:
                - God’s Choice & God’s Grace Extended To Him & His Family!
          - And - Those Blossoms Were To Be:
            - Memorialized In Gold:
              - On All The Branches Of The Menorah!
            - To Represent God’s Gracious Choice:
              - Of Christ & His People:
                - To Shine His Light Into The Darkness Of This World!
          - But Also - Those Flowers - Were Meant To:
        - Represent Our Growth!

- In Each Of The Connecting Branches:
  - There Were Three Of These Almond Blossoms:
    - And - Each One Blossomed:
      - As They Faced The Light:
        - From The Lamp Above Them!
- This Is God's Intention:
  - For His Light In Our Lives!
    - So That We Might Grow!
      - And - Walk In The Newness Of Life We Have:
        - In Connection With His Light!

**Conclusion:**

1. What Lessons There Are For Us:
  - From That Menorah In The Tabernacle!
    - In All Of Its:
      - Function / Fineness / Fuel / Flowers!
  - But - As We Remember:
    - The Truth About Jesus:
      - As - "The Light Of The World!"
        - Who - Like The Central Lamp:
          - Of Menorah - Is The "Servant Branch" To Each Of Us!
2. He Also Said:
  - "Ye Are The Light Of The World!"
    - And So - This Is Your Function:
      - As Well!
  - Matthew 5:14-16:
    - "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. / 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. / Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven!"
  - Are You Bearing:
    - The Light Of Christ:
      - Every Day:
        - In Your Life?
  - Are You Shining Forth:
    - That Light:
      - In A Way That:
        - It Confronts The World:
          - In Its Darkness?
3. Every Day:
  - Restore The Glow:
    - Of Your Light!
      - Through The Word & Prayer / Repentance & Faith!
  - And Then - Resolve To Grow:
    - Reaching More & More To The Light Of The World:
      - Who Is Jesus!

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