

Exodus 25:31-40  
*The Truth Frees Us to Live*  
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Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. Introduction: Freedom to Live

**John 8:32**

...you will *know the truth*, and **the truth will set you free.**”

II. The Lampstand: Understanding the Picture(s)

A. The Tree of Life in Heaven (Life/Healing)

**Jeremiah 1:11–12** (Almond Tree)

<sup>11</sup> And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, “Jeremiah, what do you see?” And I said, “I see an **almond branch.**” <sup>12</sup> Then the Lord said to me, “You have seen well, *for I am watching over my word to perform it.*”

B. Seven Lamps: Continuous **Light** (Cf. Exodus 27:20–21; Leviticus 24:1–4)

**Proverbs 6:23** (Your word... Psalm 119:105)

For the commandment is a **lamp** and the teaching a **light**, and the reproofs of discipline are *the way of life*...

**Job 29:2–4**

“Oh, that I were as in the months of old, as in the days when *God watched over me,* <sup>3</sup> when *his lamp* shone upon my head, and *by his light* I walked through darkness, <sup>4</sup> as I was in my prime, when *the friendship of God was upon my tent*...

C. Seven Oil Lamps in a Tree?

1. The Burning Bush of God’s Merciful  
Prescience

**Exodus 3:2, 12**

And the angel of the Lord appeared to [Moses] in a flame of **fire** out of the midst of a **bush**. He looked,

and behold, *the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed.* ...

<sup>12</sup> [The LORD] said, “But **I will be with you**, and *this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.*”

## 2. The Fire Presence of the Holy Spirit

### **Exodus 13:21**

<sup>21</sup> And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night.

### **Exodus 14:24**

And in the morning watch the Lord in the **pillar of fire and of cloud** looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic...

### **Exodus 19:18**

Now **Mount Sinai** was wrapped in smoke because *the Lord had descended on it in fire*. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly.

### **Exodus 34:29**

*When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that **the skin of his face shone** because he had been talking with God.*

## III. The Lampstand Points to Jesus

### **Key Idea**

*Jesus, the Word of God, shines the **true light** of God's merciful presence into our hearts, defeating our enemies, Satan & sin, and showing us the path to life through submission to him and reliance upon him.*

## A. Jesus is the Light

### **John 1:3–4**

All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was **life**, and the **life** was the **light** of men.

## B. Satan & Sin Defeated

### **Revelation 12:10–11**

<sup>10</sup> And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for **the accuser** of our brothers has been **thrown down**, who accuses them day and night before our God. <sup>11</sup> And **they have conquered him** *by the blood of the Lamb* and *by the word of their testimony*, **for** they loved *not their lives* even unto death.

## C. Abiding in the Light to Find Life

### **John 14:6**

Jesus said to him, “I am the **way**, and the **truth**, and the **life**. No one comes **to the Father** except through me.

### **John 8:12, 31–32, 34–36**

<sup>12</sup> Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “**I am the light** of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the **light of life**.” ...

<sup>31</sup> So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you **abide in my word**, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup> and you will **know the truth**, and **the truth will set you free**.” ...

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who *commits sin* is a **slave to sin**. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup> So **if the Son sets you free**, you will be **free indeed**.