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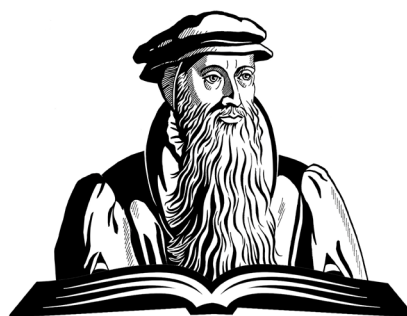
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*Lecture 10 ~*

### THE LAMPSTAND



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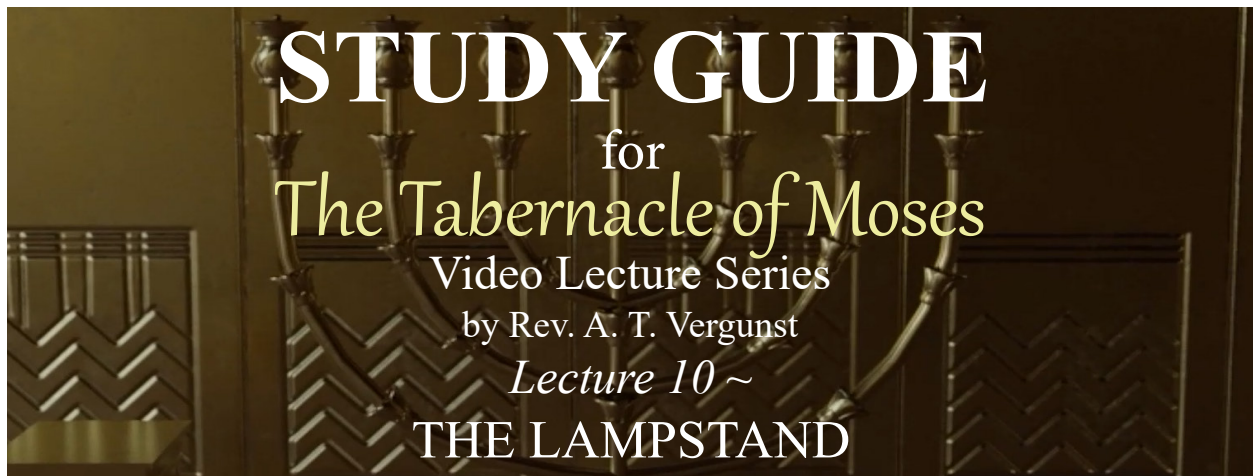


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**Scripture Text**

*“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. 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: 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. And in the candlestick shall be four bowls made like unto almonds, with their knops and their flowers. 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. Their knops and their branches shall be of the same: all it shall be one beaten work of pure gold. And thou shalt make the seven lamps thereof: and they shall light the lamps thereof, tht they may give light over against it. And the tongues thereof, and the snuffdishes thereof, shall be of pure gold. Of a talent of pure gold shall he make it, with all these vessels. And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount.” —Exodus 25, verses 31 through 40*

**Key Points**

1. Description of the Lampstand.

- a. “Lampstand” in Hebrew means “light-bearer,” lit by the finest olive oil, not wax candles.
- b. Made from 90 lbs. of pure gold, beaten out from one solid piece of gold.
- c. Three branches on either side of a central stem, a bowl on top of each, like an almond tree, a symbol of hope and resurrection.
- e. The oil had to be beaten from unripe olives so it was pure, burned bright, and never smoked.
- f. The lamps must continuously burn day and night. So, the wick was trimmed and oil replenished twice daily, morning and evening.

2. The glory of Christ is seen in the Lampstand.
3. The Lampstand branches connected to the stem is a symbol of the church connected to Christ.
4. The Holy Spirit is pictured in the oil of the Lampstand.
5. Lampstand points to our duties as believers.
6. The priest's daily care of the Lampstand points to the believer's need for daily prayer.

**Review Questions**

1. Describe the features of the Lampstand and the oil. What is the meaning of the word "Lampstand" in the Hebrew? What do we understand from this?

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2. How does the pure beaten gold of the Tabernacle Lampstand point to the Lord Jesus Christ and his glory?

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3. The Lampstand gave light to the inside of the Tabernacle. How does the Lord Jesus give light to this dark world? How does the Lord Jesus give light to a sinner who comes to faith?

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4. The Tabernacle Lampstand had three branches on one side and three branches on the other side, all coming out from a central stem. What does the central stem point to, and what does this teach us about the union of the Lord Jesus Christ and his church?

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5. In Revelation chapter 1, how does the Lord Jesus Christ define the seven lampstands (candlesticks) that John saw in his vision? What do we learn from that?

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6. What do we learn from these lampstands in the book of Revelation about the ministry of the Holy Spirit?

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7. In this lecture, we heard that the Lord Jesus Christ himself was filled with the Holy Spirit without measure. Can you remember the Scriptures that say this? What does this mean for believing sinners?

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8. Rev. Vergunst exhorts us never to minimize the glory of the Holy Spirit. Why is this so important? How is the Holy Spirit symbolized by the special oil in the Tabernacle Lampstand?

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9. What are the basic characteristics of light? In what ways does the church of the Lord Jesus Christ bring light into the world?

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10. How is our attention to daily prayer and Bible study similar to the priest who had to keep the Tabernacle Lampstand always burning, tending to it morning and night?

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**Personal Applications**

1. In this lecture, Rev. Vergunst spoke of the mystery of the Son of God taking on flesh and becoming a true man and that He is the vine and we are the branches. How important is this? What does it mean that we can do nothing without the Lord Jesus Christ? Does this encourage you to stay close to the Lord Jesus?

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2. We have heard the importance of the light of Jesus Christ shining in this world. Is Christ's light shining in you? Read and study the many Scripture texts about Christ being the light of the world and how believers are also the light of the world. What does this mean for your life practically?

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