

Zachariah

Chapter 4

- 1- And the angel returned that talked with me and he woke me up as a man who is awakened out of his sleep.
- 2- And he said to me what do you see? And I said I have looked and I see a menorah of all gold and a bowl upon its head and seven lambs upon its seven and seven pipes to the lamps which are upon its head.
- 3- And two olive trees: one on the right side of the bowl and one on the left side.
- 4- And I responded and said to the angel that spoke with me saying what are these my lord?
- 5- And the angel that talked with me answered saying, Don't you know what these are? And I said no my lord.
- 6- And he answered me saying this is the word of Yahoah unto Zerubbabel, saying not by might and not by power for it is by my Spirit says Yahoah of armies¹!

Chapter 8

16 These are the things that you shall do speak the truth to one another execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates².

¹ After Zechariah looked on the seven lamps of the menorah he asked the angel what it was that he saw. The angel was surprised that Zechariah a prophet and a priest was unable to identify the menorah. The angel revealed to the prophet that the work of the Lord would be accomplished by the Spirit of the Lord and not by the strength of men! Zechariah was familiar enough with the menorah that had to be tended everyday but this was a unique menorah one that would burn perpetually being supplied directly from the throne room of God. The one point of clarification that he needed was the two olive trees. When he inquired further the angel said these are the “two son of oil” (Beney ha-yitzhar) that stand before the Lord of all the earth. The angel also included that the seven lamps were the eyes of the Lord. In order to understand that expression we have to rely on the book of Revelation there we learn that these seven eyes is another way of expressing the seven Spirits of God (Revelation 5:6; 4:5).

When we realize that the prophecy has more to do with the temple being built and established by the Messiah rather than Zerubbabel the seven Spirits of the Lord becomes less allusive. We realize that Jesus received the fullness of the Spirit of God when He was anointed by the Holy Ghost (John 1:14; 3:34; Colossians 1:19; 2:9; Acts 10:38). Looking in the book of Isaiah it was revealed what that fullness of the Spirit consisted of (Isaiah 11:2).

Jesus who is both Messiah and Lord is now baptizing anyone who will obey Him with the Holy Ghost and fire (Acts 5:32; Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33). It is from this fire of God that the light of Gods glory shines through our lives. It is from the oil that pours forth from heaven supplied by God and not by men that we burn with His Spirit and the image of Christ. There is no room for the works of men. There is no need to supply the oil and trim the lamps for the fire and anointing of God has been poured out upon us by Jesus Christ! Let us all arise and shine for our glory has come! Let us take up the mantle of the sons of God and walk in the anointing of the Holy Ghost and fire. The only true light is the light of Christ Jesus, which is the expressions of God in our conduct and life (Matthew 5:14; 1 John 1:7; 1 Thessalonians 2:10; 2 Corinthians 6:3,7; Romans 8:29; John 17:21-23). We are to continually shine with the brightness of Gods presence and always 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 (Philippians 2:15; Luke 12:35; Ephesians 5:8)

² There is nothing more important to God than truth! God hates lies. They are such an offense to relationship and life that they must be cut off; and if God's people are unwilling to cut them off through obedience, then God will cut them off through judgments. The deception of a lie snared Adam and Eve, and has continued to reproduce havoc in every age. Every man should know that there is a certain judgment

coming upon all those who tell lies: God said that all liars will have their part in the lake of fire (Revelation 21:8,27; Revelation 22:15). The Lord has poured out the Spirit of truth upon His church (John 4:23; John 14:17; John 15:26; John 16:13). We have been freed from the lie and deception, and are now empowered to know the truth and to walk in truth: for God's word is truth (John 8:32; John 17:17). We cannot possibly be under the influence of the Spirit of truth and tell a lie. The people of God are called to live continually under the control of the Holy Spirit and must not yield to any unholy thing. When Christ Jesus described Satan He called him the father of lies (John 8:44). If we lie we unite ourselves with that spirit. It is our responsibility as those who are of the truth to walk in the Spirit of truth and never give place to or come under the influence of the spirit of a lie.

The ministry of peace is also just as important. It is the peace makers that are the manifest sons and daughters of God (Matthew 5:9; Isaiah 55:12). Jesus Christ is the prince of peace and those who are under His dominion and rule live in the blessedness and effects of His peace (Isaiah 9:6; John 14:27; 20:21). The Holy Spirit is always ministering peace and if we are being led by Him then we are also pursuing peace (Romans 8:14; Philippians 4:7; Galatians 5:22). There are too many who name the name of Jesus but who at the same time create divisions and discords among the saints and God hates the sower of discord (Proverbs 6:16-19). The good news that we are to preach and more importantly to live is a gospel of peace as well as a gospel of truth (Romans 10:15; Ephesians 6:15). If you want to be blessed with a long life and have many good days upon the earth then keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking guile, hate all evil and do good and seek to make peace in every situation (1 Peter 3:10-12).

If you desire to please the Lord then practice truth, righteousness and love (Zechariah 7:9; Micah 6:8; Ephesians 5:2; 1 John 4:7-8). Strife, envy and divisions come from the realm of vainglory seekers who desire the praises of men (John 5:44; 1 Timothy 6:4). These proud boasters whose deeds manifest that they are united with the forces that are opposed to all that is Holy have a day of judgment that will soon come: this judgment is both certain and just! We plead with you turn from all such practices and rejoice in the salvation of your God!