

A Light in the Darkness

EXODUS 25:31-40

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God
Dwells
WITH US



I. The Lampstand was the _____ source of light in the Tabernacle.

"You shall make a lampstand of pure gold. The lampstand shall be made of hammered work: its base, its stem, its cups, its calyxes, and its flowers shall be of one piece with it. ... You shall make seven lamps for it. And the lamps shall be set up so as to give light on the space in front of it." Exodus 25:31, 37

Illuminated the _____ space

Enabled the _____ of the priests

Removed the _____ of the darkness



II. Jesus came to provide _____ light to the world.

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." John 8:12

III. Walk _____ in this world as you walk in light of Jesus.

... for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Ephesians 5:8-10

Walk in the truth of God's Word, allowing it to _____ your steps.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105

Walk with one another, holding each other _____ to the truth of God's Word.

If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:6-7

Walk in the world _____ the light of Jesus in your deeds to bring glory to God.

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16

In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:4-5

HOME GROUP

Lesson + Devotional

1. Read Exodus 25:31-40. The lampstand gave the only light in the Holy Place. Besides its practical function, what else might the lampstand have symbolized?

2. The priests were commanded to provide oil for the seven lamps so they would never go out at night (see 27:20-21). Why would God command this?

3. The priests could not see the bread in the tabernacle without the illumination of the lampstand. In a similar way, we can't see God's provision for our lives without the illumination of the Holy Spirit. How have you experienced this? What has He provided for you personally?

4. Read Acts 17:19-31. How are people today groping in the darkness (v. 27; *that they might grope for Him and find Him*, NKJV) for God? What false "lights" do they turn to instead?

5. How do we practically become the light of the world? What are some ways you can bring God's light to the darkness of the world around you?

6. Review point III on the sermon notes. How differently do you walk in the world as a follower of Jesus? In which of the three areas listed there do you need the most help from the Holy Spirit?

7. The same Holy Spirit that was in Jesus Christ is available to all Christians. And the very thing that caused Jesus to be the light of the world causes us to be the light of the world. What will you ask of the Holy Spirit today so you can shine in a dark world?

FOR FURTHER MEDITATION on Jesus as the Light of the world:

Psalms 36:9 John 1:4-5, 9 John 8:12 John 9:5 John 12:46
2 Corinthians 4:6 1 Timothy 6:15-16 1 Peter 2:9 1 John 1:5

HELPFUL Quotes

Unlike the ark and the table of showbread, no wood entered into the composition of the lampstand. It was of solid gold. ... "Of a talent of pure gold shall he make it" (v. 39). This would be worth more than five thousand pounds, upwards of twenty-five thousand dollars. A "talent" was one hundred and twenty pounds, so that sufficient gold was provided to ensure the lampstand being of a goodly size. Most probably it stood higher than the table or the incense altar, for by its light the priests were enabled to attend to the one and minister at the other. Thus was foreshadowed not only the preciousness of the person of our Redeemer, but also His sufficiency to make manifest the perfections of the Godhead. - *Arthur Pink*

In company with the Table attesting Yahweh's Presence in bounty and the Ark attesting Yahweh's Presence in mercy and revelation, the Lampstand symbolized Yahweh's Presence in perpetual wakefulness, through the reminder of the almond tree and the continual brightness of the living fire (cf. Num 17:16-26). The watcher over Israel never nodded, much less slept (Ps 121:4). - *John Durham*

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A WONDERFUL Offer

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Admit that you're a sinner, separated from a holy and perfect God.
(Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Understand that the penalty for your sin is death – eternal separation from God and all that is good.
(Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Believe that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and conquered death by rising from the dead.
(Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior from sin and death and your provider of true and eternal life.
(Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in him alone as the only way to be reconciled to you. Thank you for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.



We'd love to know about your decision. Scan the QR code to learn more about following Jesus!

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