

But a lamp can't shine without oil. So God's servants need His Spirit to make them of any real use.

The builders had been thinking that they needed some other things more than God's Spirit. They thought, "We need money and strong arms, and friends to help us." Perhaps they thought "We need a better leader than this man Zerubbabel," who was their judge.

But God said, "Tell them that the way to get help is not by might, nor by power, but

by My Spirit."

Then Zechariah told the people, "You who have seen the Temple begun are going to see it finished sooner than you think. How glad you will be! There will be shouting and singing such as you have never heard before.

Here are some of the things God's Spirit can do: He can make a great ending out of a small beginning. He can change enemies into friends, and can make every hard thing easy for those who trust God.

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Why did God send so many messages to His people? Ans.—So that they might be quite sure of His promises.
2. What did Zechariah see in a vision? Ans.—A large golden candlestick or lamp-stand.
3. How many lights had it? Ans.—Seven.
4. What else was there? Ans.—A bowl to hold oil.
5. Who explained the picture? Ans.—An angel.
6. What was the vision a picture of? Ans.—The Jewish people.
7. What were they doing at this time? Ans.—Building the Temple.
8. Was it easy work? Ans.—No.
9. What did they think they needed to help them? Ans.—Money and friends and rest from their enemies.
10. What did God tell them they needed? Ans.—His Spirit.
11. What does oil do for a lamp? Ans.—It feeds the lamp and makes it burn.
12. What does God's Spirit do for His people? Ans.—It makes them strong to work.
13. Why did God give the Jews so much help? Ans.—So that they might tell others of the true God.
14. What is the Golden Text? Ans.—"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."



I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY THAT

The Lord is my Helper



**Golden Text**—Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.—Zech. 4 : 6.



**Catechism**—48. What happened on the third day after Jesus died and was buried? On the third day Jesus rose from the dead.

#### Lesson Hymn

**H**OLY Spirit, prompt us  
When we kneel to pray;  
Nearer come and teach us  
What we ought to say.

Holy Spirit, help us  
Daily by Thy might,  
What is wrong to conquer,  
And to choose the right. Amen.  
—Hymn 551, Book of Praise.