

POWER THROUGH THE SPIRIT

Lesson XII.

Zechariah 4: 1-14—Memory Verses, 8-10

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1 And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep.

2 And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof:

3 And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof.

4 So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord?

5 Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.

6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerub'babel, saying, not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

7 Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerub'babel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.

8 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

9 The hands of Zerub'babel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.

10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerub'babel with those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

11 Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof?

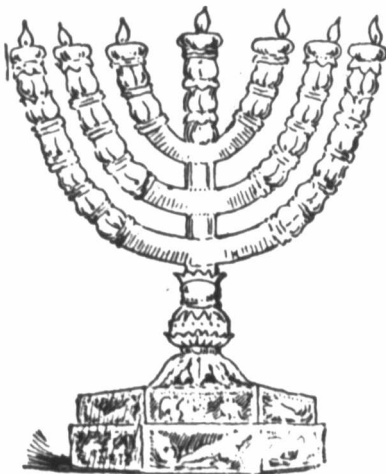
12 And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves?

13 And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.

14 Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

THE LESSON RETOLD

God wanted His people to be very sure of His promise to help them, and soon after Haggai's message He sent another message.



GOLDEN CANDLESTICK, TEMPLE AT JERUSALEM

This time it was a picture-vision. A good man called Zechariah saw it and afterwards told the people about it.

One night, when Zechariah was sleeping in his bed, an angel came and wakened him.

"Tell me what you see," said the angel.

Then Zechariah looked and saw a beautiful golden candlestick or lamp-stand, with places enough for seven lights, and in the middle a large bowl to hold oil.

Zechariah had often seen lamp-stands before, and wondered why God was showing him this one. So he said to the angel, "What are these, my lord?" "This is the word of the Lord," said the angel. So Zechariah knew that the picture had a heavenly meaning, and that God wanted to give His people a message from Himself.

The golden candlestick was just a picture of the Jewish nation.

God had chosen the Jews and had taught them more about Himself than any other people, so that those who did not know God would learn from them how to love and serve Him. When they lived like God they showed truly God's glory and were like lamps giving light.