

see?" Zechariah said he saw a beautiful golden candlestick or lamp with places for seven lights, and a bowl in the centre to hold oil, and pipes to take the oil to the lights

people knew more about Him than any other people at that time. By this dream picture God wanted to let them know that they were to be like a light or candlestick to show

the people God's power and glory and the way to serve Him. If I buy a lamp from a store what must I put in it before it will give light? (Oil.) (Whatever kind of light it is something must cause the light to shine, the power must be turned on.) The builders thought they needed more money and more workers and a better leader than Zerubbabel, but God told Zechariah to tell them they needed His Spirit to give them help, (Golden Text). Prayer is like the pipes

(draw outline), something this shape. He wondered what it meant. He asked the angel and the angel said (verses 5, 6). Then Zechariah knew that this dream picture had a meaning. It was a message from God. Talk about the use of lights. God's own chosen

for carrying the oil to the lamp.

**Practical Thoughts**—God's Spirit can help us in all our work, He can make friends for us, He can make hard things easy to do, if we will only let Him.

### LESSON XIII.—Sept. 24, 1899

#### REVIEW—Third Quarter

#### PREVIEW THOUGHT—The Lord Blesses and Helps

**Golden Text.**—The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him and delivereth them.—Ps. 34: 7.

The Review may be commenced by a few words about our soldiers—"The Soldiers of the Queen"—who are always ready to defend us, our homes and our country, whenever danger comes and we need help. Our Queen gives the command, and immediately out march the troops to fight for us. (Perhaps some have seen a camp of soldiers, or a picture of soldiers encamped about a town may be shown.) Explain the bugle call and the prompt obedience of the soldiers. Teach the Golden Text. Explain that God's angels are always ready to watch over us and help us. They do more than

give a passing look, *they stay beside us*. They encamp around us (though unseen). We have a bugle by which we can call for the help of God's angels when we are in trouble. *The bugle of prayer*. It is a very quiet bugle, we do not need to make a loud noise. God can hear the very smallest voice, the very lowest whisper, and He always sends help in some way or other.

We have been hearing many wonderful stories about God's people and the way in which He blessed and helped and delivered them from trouble. First, we have the gracious invitation to come to God and put ourselves under His care. Then the four lessons about Daniel and the other three boys in Babylon. Then the beautiful