

Intro:

Main Point of Text: The priests are to maintain the Golden Lampstand with pure oil so it burns continually as a representation of the Holy Spirit's enduring presence with His people; and His people must supply it.

Sermon Point: *Keep the Light on for Us.*

Move 1: God will never allow the light of His Church to burn out.

The LORD will always shine in the Church (He is the supply). Vs. 20: "lamp to burn continually"; vs. 21: for eternity. Lampstand (Candlestick, Ex. 25:2, 6; 31-40) symbol of the Church (Rev. 1:12-13, 20). Olive tree oil: symbol of Holy Spirit's eternal flame fueling Church (Zech. 4:11/Rev. 11:4) Revelation 1-3, Jesus walks within the candlesticks (you). His Spirit will keep fueling you. *A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory* (Mat 12:20 quoting Isa. 42:3).

Move 2: God will always provide pastors to stoke the Church's fire.

Ministers maintain the supply: Vs. 21 (Ex. 30:8; Lev. 24:2-4). Zech. 4:11/Rev. 11:4: king/priest are the olive trees continually fueling flow to the lamp. Be sure to assemble together as God's lights and be refueled by worship/preaching. WLC 156, 8: pastors are to preach; their job is to fuel the church with the oil of Christ's Spirit. Rom. 16:15: Calvin, here is the priesthood of pastors.

Move 3: God will always fuel the Church's flame through you the Church's people.

People are the means of supply. Vs. 20: "children of Israel" to take the oil to the priests. Vs. 21: it is the "Tent of Meeting", although the Holy Place. Priests represent the people, their God-ordained authority stems out of the people (Presbyterian Govt.). God's people are the reason for the priests, and the resources for their ministry. Vs. 21: "it shall be a statute for ever unto their generations on the behalf of the children of Israel". The oil for Israel is also from Israel. Covenantal priesthood of all believers. Mat 25:3-4.

Move 4: God demands pure holy oil of you, because it keeps His house clean.

The supply must be of supreme quality. Vs. 20: Manner of providing making oil: "beaten", not pressed. This produces "pure oil", free of impurities. Pure oil won't produce smoke or a smell (in the Holy Place, which had a roof). Symbol of the Holy Spirit in the people as God's holy nation. James 1:27.

Conclusion:

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