

The Gold Lampstand

Exodus 25:31-40; 27:20-21

Main Point:

The gold lampstand points us to Jesus Christ who gives perpetual light and life to His people. Being united to Him, shine His light in the world so that others may have life in Him as well.

1. In the Holy Place, there was a gold lampstand in the shape of an almond tree.
2. The gold lampstand taught the Israelites that God gives them light.
3. The gold lampstand taught the Israelites that God gives them life.
4. The gold lampstand taught the Israelites that, through the work of the priests, they have this light and life perpetually.
5. The gold lampstand points us to Jesus Christ and the perpetual light and life that He gives to His people.
6. Having light and life in Jesus, shine His light in the world so that others may have life in Him as well.

1 John 1:5 ⁵ This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. (NKJV)

Psalms 104:1-2a ¹ ... O LORD my God, You are very great: You are clothed with honor and majesty, ² Who cover *Yourself* with light as *with* a garment ... (NKJV)

John 8:12 ¹² Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." (NKJV)

Acts 26:18 ¹⁸ `to open their eyes, *in order* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.' (NKJV)

1 John 5:12 ¹² He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. (NKJV)

Matthew 5:14 ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world ... (NKJV)

Philip Ryken "We are the lights shining for Jesus in the world. If people are going to see him, they will see him in and through us."

Matthew 5:16 ¹⁶ "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (NKJV)

Matthew 10:7 ⁷ "And as you go, preach, saying, `The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' (NKJV)

1 Peter 2:9 ⁹ ... You *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; (NKJV)

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The golden lampstand (Ex. 25:31–40) was made of pure gold, hammered out of one solid piece. Resting on a base, the central stem had six branches, three on either side, together carrying seven lamps. The lampstand with its branches was modeled on a flowering almond tree.



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