

THE SEVENFOLD SPIRIT OF GOD

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While exiled on the Isles of Patmos, apostle John said: "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, And I turned to see the voice that spake with me . And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks. And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches." (Re.1:10-12,13,20)

The seven candlesticks are the seven churches. Seven being the number of fullness or completeness, this is referring to the church of God as a whole-throughout the ages manifesting in seven different ways. These 'lamps of fire' are symbolic of the corporate church as well as the individual churches that we are.

The word 'candlestick' comes from the Hebrew word, Luchnia, which means lampstand. It is translated candlestick in the King James, but actually is lampstand or Menorah. It was a part of the gold furnishings in the Holy Place of the Tabernacle and the Temple of God in the Old Testament. The Tabernacle was made according to the pattern in heaven that God showed to Moses. It is a type of the Human being. It means A DWELLING PLACE FOR YAHWEH. The main purpose of God though out time and in making man is to prepare Him a habitation-to make Himself a 'dwelling place.' In man-indwelt by God, He created a theophany-a place where He can live and manifest in and through right here on this earth. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" (1Co.3:16) We are the Temple of God. We are portable tabernacles. As the temple and the tabernacle was made up of three areas, so are we. The outer court represents the body or the physical person. The Holy Place (the inner court), represents the soul and the Holy of Holies symbolizes our spirits. We, as individuals, are spirits (that part that God breathed into man of Himself), we have souls and we live in a bodies. The outer court represents the first area of entry into God where the articles are brass. An area where sin is dwelt with and one is to get right with God. The brazen alter for offerings up sacrifices and the laver was in this place. People come into the kingdom of God, get baptized in water and learn some basic things about the Lord and living for Him in this part of the Tabernacle. There is the natural day light in this place, but when the night comes, they cannot see to work. We don't need to stay in this area -not in this day and time.

In the inner court, the daylight was shut out. The windows were constructed in such a way that light could not come in from the outside, but could go out from the inside. All the furniture in this room (the table of shewbread, the Menorah, the golden alter of incense), was made of pure gold and the menorah sat on the south side. It is a 7 branch lampstand (except the 9-branch Menorah used during Hanukkah). It is also a picture of the Tree of Life. The center shaft is called "the chemash" or the 'servant branch.' The servant branch feeds the other 6 branches the same as the natural vine supplies substance to the branches.

The menorah was made out of one piece of beaten gold, showing the sufferings that Jesus Christ endured and the oneness of the whole piece. Exodus 37, beginning at verse 17 gives us the

instructions that the Father gave to Moses: "And he made the candlestick of pure gold: of beaten work made he the candlestick; his shaft, and his branch, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, were of the same:

Exo 37:18- 24 And six branches going out of the sides thereof; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side thereof, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side thereof: Three bowls made after the fashion of almonds in one branch, a knop and a flower; and three bowls made like almonds in another branch, a knop and a flower: so throughout the six branches going out of the candlestick. And in the candlestick were four bowls made like almonds, his knops, and his flowers: And a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, according to the six branches going out of it. Their knops and their branches were of the same: all of it was one beaten work of pure gold. And he made his seven lamps, and his snuffers, and his snuffdishes, of pure gold. Of a talent of pure gold made he it, and all the vessels thereof."

As we see, it was decorated with flowers, fruit and had covers like almonds, wick trimmers, trays and everything needed with it. No other light except the light from the lampstand using pure olive oil was allowed in this area. This light had to always be burning and was not ever allowed to go out. The High Priest had to refill it morning and evening to make sure it kept burning day and night. They also had to trim the wicks of the lamps so they could burn brighter and more efficiently. Untrimmed wicks are too much. They are out of order-out of control. Untrimmed wicks can cause a fire, smoke up the place, cause tears and cause one not to see clearly. They represent the flesh. Jesus Christ alluded to this in John 15 when He talked about the branches being pruned. He cuts back branches so they can bear more fruit. We know what happened in Matthew 25 when the 5 foolish virgins did not have their lamps trimmed nor have enough oil. They were left out. Jesus admonished us to gird up the loins of our mind and keep our lamps trimmed and burning bright. If we don't, there will be smoke (darkness, cloudiness, confusion, perplexity), and flames burning all out of order.

The Menorah represents the Holy Elohim who lives within us and gives illumination and understanding to our souls of the things of God. The lampstand was the ONLY light allowed in the Holy Place. As the lampstand illumined the Holy Place of the natural Tabernacle, the soul (the mind, the will and the emotions), must be illuminated by the Holy Spirit. Only the things of Elohim (the Holy Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit), should be allowed to be there. (Romans 12:1,2) The mind is to be renewed or transformed by beholding, in His word, the Lord of Glory. It is not to be put into the carnal mode of the world. To be carnal means to be fashioned after the world and focused upon the flesh, but our flesh is to be offered up to God as a living sacrifice. As the Holy Spirit who is in oneness with the rest of the Godhead feeds our soul through our spirits, our souls should be filled with Light and Truth and that should shine forth through our whole entire being. The spirit of man is the mediator between the Holy Spirit and the soul and the soul is the mediator between the spirit of man and the physical man. So, *we see it is very important to get things in our souls right*. As we receive from the Holy Spirit the Truth of God and this is communicated to and accepted by our souls and outward beings, we are transfigured into the image of God. Many times, the reason that the mind is not transformed is because the physical man has not been put on the altar of sacrifice. So let us stretch our hands out to the Lord today and *offer ourselves as a 'living sacrifice' unto Him* and pray: "Lord I want NO OTHER LIGHT to be in me or to flow through me except the LIGHT of the Holy Ghost. NO OTHER LIGHT LORD. LET THERE BE NO OTHER LIGHT." No other light was allowed in the natural Tabernacle and no other light should allowed be in our souls except God.

In Revelation 4:5 John explains that the Seven Golden Lampstands, are the Seven Spirits are the Seven Eyes of God. This speaks of the Sevenfold manifestation of the Holy Spirit exemplified by the

Seven burning flames of the Menorah. The Seven Spirits of God takes us back to Isaiah 11:1,2 where Isaiah talks about the Branch (remember the posts of the Menorah are called branches), coming forth from the stem of Jesse (David). Jesus Christ came from the lineage of David and as He is so are we in this world. God is calling for His people to have all of His Spirit in operation now. He is making His ministers 'a flame of fire'. It HAS to be if the church is to reflect the fullness of God in this world. He says that many are talking about the Shekinah Glory of the HOLY OF HOLIES (where there will be no need for refilling or wick trimming), but they have not gotten things in proper order in the HOLY PLACE yet. The light of God is not shining as it should be *in the soul realm*. God's people are not HEARING Him and WALKING IN THE SPIRIT as they should be. Some of the light that they are living by is derived from doctrines and traditions of men, the world system, personal preferences, misinterpretation of scripture, etc. Only the TRUE LIGHT of the SPIRIT OF THE LORD, the Spirit of UNDERSTANDING, the Spirit of WISDOM, the Spirit of COUNSEL, the Spirit of MIGHT, the Spirit of KNOWLEDGE and the Spirit of the FEAR OF THE LORD is going to really work. We are to realize this, find out what it all means and then start working on cultivating these qualities of God within us. The Lord says that it is imperative that this be done now. He says that in order for His purposes to be fulfilled in His people the Menorah within them must be lighted, shining and operating in it's Seven Fold manifestation. He says to start claiming it, start speaking it and waiting for Him to direct your every move. In 1 Sam. 3:1-3 under Eli's priesthood the light in the temple went out. That's a NO-NO. No one needs to have their lights out now. We will deal more later with explaining the Seven Spirits of God.

Let's lift our hands to the Lord again and declare: "NO OTHER LIGHT LORD! NO OTHER LIGHT SHALL BE IN ME OR SHINE THROUGH MY LIFE EXCEPT THE TRUE LIGHT that is the HOLY SPIRIT , in the name of Jesus Christ.

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