

## Sermon Notes

### *Exodus – The Revealing of God’s Glory and His Design for the Chosen #86*

“The Golden Lampstand” – Exodus 25:31-40

#### I. Introduction

##### A. Pastor Don’s camping experience.

1. Learning about “serious dark.”

##### B. Consider the tabernacle.

1. Note extensive coverings over the tent portion of the tabernacle.
2. It was very dark.

##### C. Reading the Text: Exodus 25:31-40

#### II. Exposition

##### A. Verses 31-36

1. The lampstand would be hard to duplicate.
  - a. Menorah – Hebrew means “to f\_\_\_\_\_”
2. Note rendition found in the Arch of Titus, Rome.
3. Seven lamps for sure.
4. A single piece of hand-beaten gold.  
weight – about 75 pounds  
height – about five feet tall

##### B. Verses 37-40

1. Decorated with buds, blossoms, and fruit.
2. One cup (saucer) was at the end of each branch and contained oil and a wick.
  - a. More detail – Numbers 8:1-4

#### III. Specific meanings.

##### A. Life – note that the shape of the lampstand is that of a tree.

1. A botanical motif of budding, blossoming, and ripening fruit symbolized God’s life-giving power.
2. Correlates to the Tree of Life in Genesis 2.

##### B. Light – God is the light-giver as well as the life-giver.

1. Psalm 36:9
2. The lampstand was the sole light in the tent.
3. The welcome sign – someone was home.

4. God is light – I John 1:5; Psalm 27:1.

5. Also connects to the creation account.

- a. Genesis 1:14

6. The number seven – completion or perfection.

#### IV. Fulfillment in Christ.

##### A. Life and light

1. John’s gospel introduction – John 1:14

- a. We now look to Christ for life and light.

- b. “Light and Life to all He brings”

– Hark the Herald Angels Sing.

##### B. He is life

1. Eternal life – John 3:15

2. Son gives life – John 5:21b

3. Have eternal life – John 6:40

4. He came to give life – John 10:10

5. I give eternal life – John 10:28

6. The resurrection and the life – John 11:25

7. This is eternal life – John 17:3

##### C. He is light

1. Promised in the Old Testament

- a. Isaiah 9:2; 49:6b

2. Fulfilled in Christ

- a. John 1:9; 9:5b

##### D. Consider the converse of light and life being found in Christ alone.

1. Eph. 2:1; Rom. 6:23; John 5:11-12

2. Outside of Christ is death and darkness

- a. John 3:19; 1:5; Prov. 4:19; Rom. 1:21

3. Darkness leads to a life of stumbling

- a. Eph. 4:18; John 8:12; I Peter 2:9; Eph. 5:8; II Cor. 4:6

#### V. Points for Reflection.

##### A. Life and Light were symbolized in the golden lampstand and now are embodied in Jesus Christ.

##### B. Having not reached the end, we are called upon to be the light of Christ in the world.

##### C. The golden lampstand also served as a type of the church.

##### D. May we be a glorifying testimony of His saving grace.