

Welcome & Announcements

- Good morning & Welcome
 - Short Intro: Assistant Pastor, helps oversee the Young Adults Ministry on Monday nights at 7PM
- Pastor Rob and Denise are out of town this weekend.
 - They shared at a Marriage Event last night and today Pastor Rob is sharing at the Sunday Services at CC Antelope Valley in Palmdale. This was the last speaking engagement that he had for this year that he couldn't change.
 - He will be back this Wednesday night for our THROUGH THE BIBLE STUDY in the Book of Exodus, picking up in Chapter 27 to continue to describe the layout of the Tabernacle and how it all points us to Jesus.
 - He will also begin to looking at the instructions God gave to the priests and their garments. So if you've ever wondered what the whole Ephod things was about and how that worked, Pastor Rob will be getting into all of that this Wednesday.
 - Maybe a short word of encouragement to attend.
- Volunteering for Harvest
 - We are 13 days away from our Annual Harvest Festival and we still need 75 volunteers to sign up! Register today at calvaryvista.com/events
- For our DEEP DIVE in the Book of Exodus, we will be in Exodus 27:20-21

Exodus 27:20-21 | In reference to the lampstand- God Commands Moses...

20 “And you shall command the children of Israel that they bring you pure oil of pressed olives for the light, to cause the lamp to burn continually. 21 In the tabernacle of meeting, outside the veil which *is* before the Testimony, Aaron and his sons shall tend it from evening until morning before the Lord. *It shall be a statute forever to their generations on behalf of the children of Israel.*

Outline

1. **The Cost** of the oil
 2. **The Care** for the fire
 3. **The Calling** to be the light
 4. **Application & Response**
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Opening Prayer

Lead In

- One of the greatest joys of this season of parenthood is the loud excited screams from my two boys when I get home from work.
 - John River (3 years old) & Shepherd (17 months old)
 - “DADA! DAD’S HOME! DADDD!!!! HEY DAD!!! WANNA PLAY OUTSIDE?!”
 - There’s just something about that warm excitement that touches my heart as a dad. I love that my boys are just SO excited to be with me and hang out.
 - I think it’s a great picture of how excited we should be to be with the Lord but also a reminder of God’s excitement for us to be with Him!
- **REVIEW:** The Purpose of the Tabernacle (Tent of Meeting)
 - OVER 13 chapters deal with the Tabernacle in the Book of Exodus
 - God’s desire, intention, and purpose of heart to meet and dwell with His people.
 - It was there that God would meet with Moses and give Him instructions for the people.
 - A foreshadow of Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the ministry and testimony of the church.
- Description of the Tabernacle (3 Main Sections) **[TABERNACLE PICTURE]**
 1. Courtyard
 2. Holy Place
 3. Holy of Holies

- Within the Holy Place there were certain objects: the table of bread, the altar, and the lampstand.
- This morning, I want to take a deep dive into the section of Scripture that God specifically gives to Moses concerning the lampstand and how this portion of Scripture might encourage us and give us clarity and direction for our lives.

1. The Cost of the Oil

- **Exodus 27:20 “And you shall command the children of Israel that they bring you pure oil of pressed olives for the light, to cause the lamp to burn continually.**
- Speaking of the lampstand within the tabernacle, [PICTURE OF LAMPSTAND] God gave Moses specific instructions how to care for it. Before the care, there was a cost that needed to be counted.
 - This cost affected every person who followed God in the desert.
 - This was a community command with personal responsibility.
 - The children of Israel who lived outside the Tabernacle were commanded by God to be a part of the ministry that would be happening within the Tabernacle.
 - God in His wisdom tasked the Nation of Israel to practically partner up with the spiritual work within the Tabernacle. Everyone had a part to play.
 - As they partnered up in the ministry of the Tabernacle, there was a sacrifice involved. They personally needed to get olives and then crush and press them to provide pure oil for the light.
 - HERE’S THE COST: There was not an abundance of olive trees in the desert.
 - The Nation of Israel did receive some olives from their departure from Egypt, but those could only last so long...
 - Most likely, the people of Israel would have to forage or trade something of value to other nations and traveling traders in order to collect olives needed for the lampstand.
 - There was an intentional cost that needed to be counted in order for this to happen.

- There was not a specific amount each person was to bring. It wasn't a competition.
 - It's not the quantity of oil that someone brought, it was the quality of it. It needed to be PURE oil.
- They needed to collect olives and then they needed to crush and press them to provide pure oil for the lampstand.
- They had to get their hands dirty. They needed to be a part of gathering, breaking, crushing, and the pressing of the olives.
- Foreshadow and reminder that the sacrifices of God has always requires a measure of sacrifice and brokenness.
 - This is important to remember because we are guilty of relating to God on the basis of our goodness, wholeness, strength, and self-righteousness.
 - Sometimes we buy into the lie that we're only loved by God and useful to Him only when we're acceptable according to our standards.
- The picture of Jesus, beaten and bruised to be the sacrifice for our sins.
- We all have a responsibility to own the pressing and the crushing that happens in our lives...
 - Some pressing and crushing that we experience is self inflicted (sin, disobedience, etc.) Other pressing and crushing is what happens to us (someone sins against us).
 - For the maturing believer's much of the pressing and crushing comes from the hand of God in the process of our sanctification.
 - Whatever pressing or crushing that happens to us, there's a redemptive value to it.
 - God can use it!
- **Ministry takes place when people are blessed by the oil that came from your crushing." -Unknown**
- **2 Corinthians 1:3-7**
 - **3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, **4** who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be

able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. **5** For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ. **6** Now if we are afflicted, *it is* for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, *it is* for your consolation and salvation. **7** And our hope for you *is* steadfast, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also *you will partake* of the consolation.

- **Philippians 2:17-18**

- **17** Yes, and if I am being poured out as a *drink offering* on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. **18** For the same reason you also be glad and rejoice with me.
- The cost: personal loss in order to follow God's commands.

2. The Care

- **Exodus 27:21a In the tabernacle of meeting, outside the veil which *is* before the Testimony, Aaron and his sons shall tend it from evening until morning before the LORD.**
- Aaron and his sons needed to care to the oil and the light from evening until morning.
 - Among other duties, they needed to pay attention to the oil and to the quality of light of the lampstand.
 - The oil would run out, the wick would burn up.
 - They needed to make sure the light of the Tabernacle was consistent and present at every moment.
 - Aaron and his sons needed to be faithful.
 - They couldn't allow themselves to be distracted. They needed to pay attention to the quality of the light on the lampstand.

- There's need for us to foster a level of consistency when it comes to the caring of the quality of our light.
 - Aaron and his sons had other duties AND they needed to take care of the light.
- Aaron and his sons needed the participation from the body in order to accomplish their God given tasks.
- We need one another. God has designed the body of Christ to be interdependent upon one another.
- We are the body of Christ!
 - We need the help from others!
- If we are the light of the world, we need the help of the Holy Spirit through body Christ in order for us to continually shine.
- 1. The Cost
- 2. The Care

3. The Calling

- Exodus 27:21b *"It shall be a statute forever to their generations on behalf of the children of Israel."*
 - The continual burning of the light on the lamp stand would be a statute forever to the generations to come.
 - Statute: Testimony a continual reminder.
- The work of the people and the work of Aaron and his sons was bigger than themselves. This work was meant to outlast them and be statute for the generations to come.
- The consistent counting of the cost and the moment-by-moment daily care of the lampstand was to teach the generations to come.

- Reminder for us: The quality of the light on your lampstand is able to be a testimony for the generations to come.
 - **Matthew 28:18-20**
 - **18** And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.” Amen.
 - “As you go, be making disciples...”
 - How? “Imitate me, as I imitate Christ.”
 - **Matthew 5:14-16**
 - **14** “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. **15** Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. **16** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

4. Application & Response

- **How might the quality of our light (witness) impact the lives of others around us?**
 - **Eternity is at stake!**
- **Most of us in the room have already counted the cost of what it means to follow Jesus. Here’s some reminders of how to care for the quality of our light (witness).**
- **How to Care for our Light (3 Things)**
 - 1. Abide**

- **Hebrews 12:29**

- 29 “For our God is a consuming fire.”

- **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.”

- **Psalms 119:105**

- **105** “Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light to my path.”

- **Ephesians 5:18**

- **18** And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit.

2. Assemble

- **Hebrews 10:24-15**

- **24** And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, **25** not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

3. Act

- **Matthew 5:16**

- **16** “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

- **Titus 2:14**

- **14** “...who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.”

Closing Thoughts

- Imagine our whole church burning brightly for Jesus. What would that look like? What might happen in our families? What might happen in our city? What might happen in our State and Country?
 - We have the Holy Spirit! He is the oil and the fire in our hearts.
 - What is your response to what God's word has revealed this morning?
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Invite Worship Team & Close in Prayer