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1. Introduction

* You always have an enemy to fight

1 Tim 6:12—*Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses*.

2 Thes. 1:11—*Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power*

* *Always stand against the enemy:* Esther 3:13—*And the letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces,* ***to destroy****, to kill, and to* ***cause to perish****, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, even upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and* ***to take the spoil of them for a prey.*** Esther 8:11—*Wherein the king granted the Jews which were in every city to gather themselves together, and to* ***stand for their life****, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and* *province that* would assault them, both little ones and women, and **to take the spoil of them for a prey**,
* At no time can we compromise with the enemy, bargain, sell nor **listen**
* The words that are spoken against us shall not stand

**We need the wisdom of God to know what is going on**

1 Kings 2:23 Then king Solomon sware by the LORD, saying, God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah have not spoken this word against his own life.

(A word spoken against his own life)

We are a lot better off trusting the Lord then pushing and shoving our own way through life.

## Pardoned 1 Kings 1:50-53 to executed I Kings 2:22-25

* God requires us as believers to answer the words spoken against us with His Word

Rom. 4:3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

Mat. 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Deut. 30:14 But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.

Rom. 10:8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

* God requires every believer to answer His Word with faith

John 6:6, 67; Prov. 3:5

Rom. 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

Who’s the opponent? He’s got to be greater than death

John 11:25; 40

He’s got to be greater than life, Holy, Glory, All powerful, All Wise and All Knowing

Luke 10:3 Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.

Acts 20:29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

Rev. 17:14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

1 Cor. 15:3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

1Cor. 1:9—**God is faithful**, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Deut. 7:9—Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the **faithful God**, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

2 Cor. 1:20—For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. 21—Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;

1. Stablisheth us
2. Stablisheth us with you
3. Stablisheth us with you in Christ
4. **Stablisheth us** with you in Christ and hath **anointed us** is God;
5. **Stablisheth us with you in Christ and hath anointed us is God;**

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Mat. 1:23—Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, **God with us.**

Isaiah 8:18—Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.

Shearjashub

that is, (The remnant shall return)

Isa 7:3 Then said the LORD unto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou, and Shearjashub thy son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field;

# Immanuel

(God with us)

Isaiah 7:14—Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

# Mahershalalhashbaz (In making speed to the spoil he hasteneth the prey)

Isaiah 8:3—And I went unto the prophetess; and she conceived, and bare a son. Then said the LORD to me, Call his name Mahershalalhashbaz.

## Before Birth

Luke 1:31—And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

## At Baptism

Mt 3:17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

## God was with him

Acts 10:38—How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

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21—Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;

Isaiah 8:13 Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.

1. God is Able (don’t be self serving)
2. God is all Powerful don’t be dead (His Power is our Joy)
3. God is Faithful
4. God is to be praised, worshipped, fellowshipped, Honored, feared

Isaiah 8:14 And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

Mt 21:44 And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

*Isa 7:6 Let us go up against Judah, and vex it, and let us make a breach therein for us, and set a king in the midst of it, even the son of* ***Tabeal****:*

* *Isa 7:4 And say unto him, Take heed, and be quiet;* ***fear not****, neither be* ***fainthearted*** *for the two tails of these smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin with Syria, and of the son of Remaliah*
* *Isa 7:9 And the head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is Remaliah's son. If ye will not* ***believe****, surely ye shall not* ***be established****.*
* *Isa 8:9* ***Associate yourselves****, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces; and* ***give ear****, all ye of far countries: gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces.*
* *Isa 8:10* ***Take counsel together****, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God is with us.*

## God gives us grace to be faithful (stablisheth us)

2Co 1:21 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;

* **And hath anointed us**

The word anoint is applied to

* a priest, Ex 28:41; 40:15
* a prophet, 1Ki 19:16; Isa 61:1;
* a king, 1Sa 10:1; 15:1; 2Sa 2:4; 1Ki 1:34.

It is applied often to the Messiah as being, set apart or consecrated to his office as prophet, priest, and king as appointed by God to the highest office ever held in the world.

1Pe 5:10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

## 2Co 1:21 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;

* Established In the faith of Christ;
* Established in the Life of Christ;
* God hath anointed us-With the oil of gladness, with joy in the Holy Ghost, thereby giving us strength both to do and suffer his will.

2Co 1:3 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;

4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.

2Co 2:14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

15 For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish:

2Th 2:16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,

2Th 2:17 Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

* He Comforts your heart
* He Keeps you under the influence of his Holy Ghost:
* He establishes you- and confirms and strengthens you in your belief of every good word or doctrine and work or ministry.

The Christian life is as a Shining light

Pr 4:18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

Php 2:15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; 1John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Zec 4:1 And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep, 2 And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof: 3 And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof.

4 So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord? 5 Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. 6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

## A Vision of the Restored Temple Zech. 4:1-6

I. The Completed Temple Symbolized - vs. 1, 2

1. Wakened out of sleep -

(1.) Zechariah was wakened -

(2.) Symbolic of Israel's need to be wakened.

(3.) Also the Church's need to be wakened.

Rom. 13:11-14 I Cor. 15:34 Eph. 5:14

2. Zechariah saw a Golden Candlestick -

He saw in vision what was to come -

(1.) It was Revelation of Temple worship. (2.) It was symbolic of the Church -

"The Seven Lamps" Rev. 1:12

II. The Complete Restoration of Israel -

1. The Mission of Israel was to give light -

They must receive light and give light.

2. Symbolic of the Church being the light of the world.

Matt. 5:14 Phil. 2:15

3. The lamps in the vision were supplied with oil through pipes from the olive trees. The oil is symbolic of the Anointing of The Holy Ghost

4. The Results of the Oil -

(1.) Supplies the Lamps with Oil -

The Fire is Sustained - Life - Fire was never to go out.

(2.) Makes the Lamps to Shine -

Through the visitation of the Holy Spirit the Church is invigorated - made luminous - and crowned with success.

The light which the Church possesses is not her own - It is light communicated and sustained by oil from above.

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

III. The Means of Restoration Revealed - vs. 6

1. The Elements of False Confidence -

"Not by might, nor by power"

(1.) You cannot make men moral by -

The Power of the Law -

The Power of Reason -

The Power of Sympathy -

(2.) You cannot make men spiritual by -

The Doctrines of Men

The Creeds of a Church

The Religions of the World -

2. The Method God Uses - vs. 6

The Need of God's Spirit -

(1.) Our life begins with the Operation of the Spirit

(2.) Our sanctification is through the Spirit -

(3.) Our knowledge of truth comes through the Spirit - I Cor. 2:9

(4.) Our Power in service comes by the Holy Spirit -

Zech. 4:6; Acts 1:8; II Cor. 6:6; II Peter 1:21

## The Two Olive Trees and Two Olive Branches

### Zech. 4:11-14

This was a material image of the mysterious operation of God's divine power giving success unto the work in which Zerubbabel was engaged.

The message this vision was to convey was an assurance of God's presence and readiness to help, and our need of utter dependence on Him.

The prophet asks a question - vs. 11

"Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof?"

In vs. 2-3 The Prophet saw a golden candlestick, with a bowl upon the top of it, and seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof: "And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof."

In vs. 4 He asks the question - "What are these, my Lord?"

In vs. 11 He asks the question again -

"What are these two olive trees?"

In vs. 14 The answer is given - "These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth."

I. The Two Olive Trees Revealed

1. First who they are not -

(1) They are not Zerubbabel and Joshua -

(2) They are not Enoch and Elijah -

2. Second who they are -

(1) They are the source of the oil -

Oil flows from them.

(2) They are an unending supply of oil - Oil trees - Always producing oil

(3) They are the living word and the Holy Spirit

The source of light and oil is The Word and the Holy Spirit.

II. The Two Olive Branches Revealed

In verse 12 the prophet asks the question

"What be these two olive branches"

1. They are branches -

In Rom. 11:17 speaks about branches -

Some broken off - some grafted in to the Olive Tree

2. The oil flows from the olive trees through the branches -

In the Hebrew "branches" can mean -stream or channel.

These are channels which through them the golden oil flows through the two golden pipes into the candlestick.

3. They are divinely anointed -

At this time probably referring to Zerubbabel and Joshua - prince and priest - anointed ones or sons

4. They receive divine knowledge -

From the source of oil -

5. They communicate divine knowledge -

The oil flows to the candlestick.

David said, "I am like a green olive in the house of God."

He was receiving life - "green" - olive

He was revealing light - he had oil

The anointing is a Gift

The anointing is a Privilege with purpose and responsibility.

The anointing comes with power Acts 1:8

Power to understand the purpose of the anointing

Power to witness

Power to operate in faith with the Word of God

1. Dark Times
2. Light for dark times
3. God is Light and He is our Light
   1. The counsel that shall come to naught
   2. The enemies word shall not stand