This Word of the LORD—Word/Holy Ghost-God is ready to help-utterly depend

Zechariah 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.

7 Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.

8 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

9 The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.   
10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

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?

12 And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves?

13 And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.

14 Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

Ps 119:161 ¶ SCHIN.(21 section - **v**) Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.

Ge 28:17 And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

Purpose-Goal is to be awakened and be in awe of His Word by the Holy Ghost.

## A Vision of the Restored Temple

## We need A **Clear Vision of Restoration --- The Lord Restoring**

### Zech. 4:1 In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying, 2 The LORD hath been sore displeased with your fathers. 3 Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Turn ye unto me, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the LORD of hosts.

### 4 Be ye not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets have cried, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Turn ye now from your evil ways, and from your evil doings: but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith the LORD. 5 Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live for ever?

### 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.

Human might and power did not establish God's church and will not establish God's church, and they cannot destroy it.

Mt 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

From age to age his Spirit is an overflowing **fountain of life** and strength to his servants; it makes them victorious over all opposition, and enables them, under His care, to carry forward the work of his spiritual temple in the face of mighty foes.

This glorious work shall never cease till its completion amid shoutings of "Grace, grace unto it."

Zec 4:7 Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.

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

**Physical sight**-Could have said I see a great mountain

**Thoughts** – A great mountain, no headstone for our structure, no cornerstone for our foundation

1. The Completed Temple Symbolized –

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. The Word and the Holy Ghost, the source for the Temple

1. Wakened out of sleep –

a, Zechariah was wakened –

Symbolic of Israel's need to be wakened --- The Church's need to be wakened.

Ro 13:11 And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

1Cor. 15:34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.

Eph 5:14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

2. Zechariah saw a Golden Candlestick -

He saw in vision what was to come -

(1.) It was a 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 -

To 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.

Oil is symbolic of the Holy Spirit.

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 provided, communicated and sustained by oil from above.

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 –

* Category of the **nature of morality in the world is constantly changing**.
  + Common characteristics of morality
    - (being moral, behaving, a moral victory)Propriety-conformity, accepted by society- appropriate social behavior

2Peter 1:1 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the **divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Heb 12:10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his **holiness**. 11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. 12 Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; 13 And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed. 14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: 15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

1Co 10:17 For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread. 18 Behold Israel after the flesh: are not they which eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar? 21 Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.

**Eph 5**:1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; 2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. 3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; 4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. 5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. 6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. {disobedience: or, unbelief} 7 **Be not ye therefore partakers with them**. 8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: 9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) 10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. 12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. 13 But all things that are reproved are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. {reproved: or, discovered} 14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. 15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, 16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. 18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; 19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; 20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; 21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

2Co 1:7 ¶ And our hope of you is stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation.

Eph 3:6 That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:

A Christian will be uncommon and A Christian must be Uncommon to the world

Ac 22:22 ¶ And they gave him audience unto this word, and then lifted up their voices, and said, Away with such a fellow from the earth: for it is **not fit that he should live**.

Mt 10:24 The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. 25 It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?

Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. 1Jo 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

They say don’t use the phrase “illegal aliens” it is offensive They say they’re not straight but don’t want to be judged as crooked They say don’t judge it is offensive, while they judge your judgment to be offensive

1Co 2:15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. {make a proper investigation, a discerning}

16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ. Php 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 1Pe 4:1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; 18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? 19 Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

* + - (Thinking)Prudent- reasonable, not expecting or demanding more than is possible or achievable

Eph 1:8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Isa 55:8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. Jer 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 2Ti 1:6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou **partaker of the afflictions of the gospel** according to the power of God;

9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

* + - Benevolent -kindly performing good or charitable acts and not seeking to make a profit
* Category of the **motive of morality**. These included [Self-love](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Self-love), Reason, and Sentiment.

(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 through the Holy Ghost - Acts 1:8

Ps 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

De 4:7 For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God is in all things that we call upon him for?

## 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 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?"

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."

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

11 He asks the question again - "What are these two olive trees?"

14 "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 Ghost

The only source of oil and light.

II. The Two Olive Branches Revealed

12 the prophet asks the question "What be these two olive branches"

1. They are branches -

Rm.11:17 speaks about branches -broken off - 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 -

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

Ps 145:18 The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

148:14 He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the LORD.

Ps 75:10 All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off; but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

Eph 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. 17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

John 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Lu 5:17 ¶ And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them.