

God's Optician

Getting our vision corrected in Zechariah 1-6

4:1-14 – By his strength which works powerfully in me

The Vision of the Lampstand

- Lampstand – overall impression: Constant bright glorious light.
- Light = the people of God as a witness to the glory of God - Is 60:1-3, 62:1
- Oil = the Holy Spirit (v6)
- 2 trees = the anointed High Priest & the anointed governor of the people
- 3 truths from the vision + 3 truths from the Lord's speech

1. Small wicks give great light v1-3

a) We have a majestic purpose

- A majestic lampstand = the small discouraged people of God
- Purpose of lamp is not to point people to itself, but to enable them to see

b) Our smallness & insignificance doesn't matter

- The wick is small but essential

2. It's Soaking in the Oil that matters v12

- Key point – not the wick that gives light, but the oil.
- God's work is done when God's people relying on the Holy Spirit for help
 - a) Accept your inability – we are only wicks
 - b) Look to the Holy Spirit for help – We need to be in the oil to shed light
 - c) Keep looking to the Holy Spirit for help – We need to stay in the oil

3. The Oil of the Spirit comes from Closeness to Christ v11-14

- The point of the 2 trees – they represent Christ
- Keep the channels unblocked to Christ
- Pray, fight sin, enjoy forgiveness, obey the King

4. God's kingdom will grow despite great obstacles v7

- What mountains cause you to despair?

5. God's kingdom will grow when God's people work in his strength v9

- The Holy Spirit's power is a reason for action not inaction
- Both wick and oil are necessary
- The Holy Spirit is in us to enable us to work, but we need to work! Col 1:29

6. God's kingdom will grow despite small beginnings v10

- Holy Spirit's power means that we mustn't despise or despair at smallness, either of Christ's work in you, or smallness in the church
- The wick is small, but soaked in oil it gives off a great light.

Conclusion

- God will build his church, will build his people as we stay close to Christ and look to the Holy Spirit for help and strength.

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