Trinity Bible Study Notes

By My Spirit, Saith the Lord Zechariah 4:1-14

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.

Zechariah's fifth vision is perhaps one of the most curious. The angel shows him a vison of a candlestick with seven lamps and two olive trees beside it. On the top of the candlestick is a bowl with pipes leading to each of the seven lamps. The bowl is filled with

oil through golden pipes leading from the two olive trees furnishing the whole apparatus with a never-ending supply of oil. While there are many aspects of the vision which may confuse us, the main principle is plainly stated by the angel in verse 6: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord."

THE BIG IDEA

What is the main truth The Lord showed you in this passage?

Part 1 – The Candlestick

Read Zechariah 4:1-3; Isaiah 60:1-3; Matthew 5:14-16

- 1) The candlestick is often a picture of God's people (to whom the Lord has revealed Himself) as a light to a dark world. How does Isaiah 60 explain the purpose of a candlestick?
- 2) How did Jesus extend this picture in Matthew 5?
- 3) How can you shine the light in the "darkness" this week?

Part 3—The Finished Work

Read Zechariah 4:7-10; Philippians 1:6

- 1) According to verse 7 what would Zerubbabel's hands do and what would that prove?
- 2) How does Paul encourage the Philippians in a similar way according to Philippians 1:6?
- 3) Have you ever felt discouraged in the Christian Walk? How can these verses encourage you to keep going?

Part 2—The True Energy To Work

Read Zechariah 4:4-6; Romans 8:3-5; 8-10

- 1) Zerubbabel was given the task of leading the people to rebuild the Temple which had been destroyed. How could the words of Zechariah 4:6 been a great help/ encouragement to him?
- 2) According to Romans 8 why is the Holy Spirit so important in the life of the believer?
- 3) In what practical ways can you live out Romans 8:5?

Part 4—Two Olive Trees

Read Zechariah 4:11-14; Revelation 11:3-6

- 1) According to the angel what did the olive trees/branches represent?
- 2) The two witnesses of Revelation 11 evidently fulfill the picture in Zechariah 4. How do they function in the end times?
- 3) Who has God used as an "olive tree" in your life? How did God use them in your life?