Crystallization-Study Outlines

ZECHARIAH

Message Nine

The Vision of the Golden Lampstand and the Two Olive Trees

Scripture Reading: Zech. 4

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Zech 4:2 And he said to me, What do you see? And I said, I see that there is a lampstand all of gold, with its bowl on top of it and its seven lamps upon it, with seven pipes for each of the lamps on top of it;
Zech 4:3 And there are two olive trees beside it, one to the right of the bowl and one to the left.
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Zech 4:6 And he answered and spoke to me, saying, This is the word of Jehovah to Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says Jehovah of hosts.
Zech 4:7 Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a plain, and he will bring forth the topstone with shouts of Grace, grace to it.
Zech 4:8 Moreover the word of Jehovah came to me, saying,
Zech 4:9 The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house, and his hands will finish it; and you will know that Jehovah of hosts has sent Me to you.
Zech 4:10 For who has despised the day of small things? For these seven rejoice when they see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel; they are the eyes of Jehovah running to and fro on the whole earth.
Zech 4:11 Then I answered and said to him, What are these two olive trees on the right of the lampstand and on its left?
Zech 4:12 And I answered a second time and said to him, What are the two olive branches that are by the side of the two golden spouts, which empty the gold from themselves?
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Zech 4:14 And he said, These are the two sons of oil, who stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

I. We need to have a spirit of wisdom and revelation to see a vision of the golden lampstand, which was designed by God Himself and portrays the goal of His eternal economy—Eph. 1:17; Zech. 4:1-5; Rev. 1:2, 9-12:

Eph 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the full knowledge of Him,
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Rev 1:2 Who testified the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ, even all that he saw.
Rev 1:9 I John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and endurance in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.
Rev 1:10 I was in spirit on the Lord's Day and heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet,
Rev 1:11 Saying, What you see write in a scroll and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamos and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.
Rev 1:12 And I turned to see the voice that spoke with me; and when I turned, I saw seven golden lampstands,

A. The golden lampstand signifies the Triune God:

1. The pure gold substance signifies God the Father in His divine nature —Exo. 25:31.

Exo 25:31 And you shall make a lampstand of pure gold. The lampstand with its base and its shaft shall be made of beaten work; its cups, its calyxes, and its blossom buds shall be of one piece with it.

2. The stand signifies God the Son as the image and embodiment of God the Father—2 Cor. 4:4b; Col. 1:15; 2:9.

2 Cor 4:4b … who is the image of God, might not shine on them.

Col 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the Firstborn of all creation,

Col 2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,

3. The lamps signify God the Spirit as the seven Spirits of God for the expression of the Father in the Son—Exo. 25:37; Rev. 4:5.

Exo 25:37 And you shall make its lamps, seven; and set up its lamps to give light to the area in front of it.

Rev 4:5 And out of the throne come forth lightnings and voices and thunders. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God;

B. The lampstand in Exodus, the lampstand in Zechariah, and the lampstands in Revelation are three stages of the truth concerning the lampstand:

1. The lampstand in the tabernacle in Exodus 25:31-40 signifies Christ Himself as the embodiment of the Triune God, the lampstand in Zechariah 4:2-10 signifies the sevenfold intensified life-giving Spirit as the reality of Christ, and the lampstands in Revelation 1:12 and 20 signify the churches as the reproduction of Christ and the reprint of the Spirit.

Exo 25:31 And you shall make a lampstand of pure gold. The lampstand with its base and its shaft shall be made of beaten work; its cups, its calyxes, and its blossom buds shall be of one piece with it.

Exo 25:32 And there shall be six branches going out of its sides; three branches of the lampstand out of one of its sides, and three branches of the lampstand out of its other side;

Exo 25:33 Three cups made like almond blossoms in one branch, a calyx and a blossom bud; and three cups made like almond blossoms in the other branch, a calyx and a blossom bud-so for the six branches going out of the lampstand.

Exo 25:34 And there shall be on the lampstand four cups made like almond blossoms, its calyxes and its blossom buds;

Exo 25:35 And a calyx under two branches of one piece with it, and a calyx under two branches of one piece with it, and a calyx under two branches of one piece with it, for the six branches going out of the lampstand.

Exo 25:36 Their calyxes and their branches shall be of one piece with it; all of it one beaten work of pure gold.

Exo 25:37 And you shall make its lamps, seven; and set up its lamps to give light to the area in front of it.

Exo 25:38 And its tongs and its firepans shall be of pure gold.

Exo 25:39 It shall be made of a talent of pure gold, with all these utensils.

Exo 25:40 And see that you make them according to their pattern, which was shown to you in the mountain.

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Zech 4:10 For who has despised the day of small things? For these seven rejoice when they see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel; they are the eyes of Jehovah running to and fro on the whole earth.
Rev 1:12 And I turned to see the voice that spoke with me; and when I turned, I saw seven golden lampstands,
Rev 1:20 The mystery of the seven stars which you saw upon My right hand and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the messengers of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

2. Thus, the church is the reprint of the Spirit, who is the reality of Christ, who is the embodiment of God.

II. Zechariah 4 tells us that when Zechariah saw the lampstand, he asked the angel what this was; then the angel answered, "This is the word of Jehovah to Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says Jehovah of hosts"—v. 6:

A. The Lord told Zechariah that the lampstand was His Spirit; thus, the lampstand first signifies Christ, then the Spirit, and ultimately the church; this indicates that the very Christ is the Spirit and that the Spirit with the very Christ produces the churches.

B. The ultimate definition of the church is that the church is the reproduction of Christ and the reprint of the Spirit.

C. When we say that we are the church, we must realize that we have to be fully in the Spirit; if we all are in the Spirit, we are the church in reality—Eph. 4:4; Gal. 5:16, 22-23, 25; 1 Cor. 12:7; Eph. 5:18; Zech. 4:6.

Eph 4:4 One Body and one Spirit, even as also you were called in one hope of your calling;
Gal 5:16 But I say, Walk by the Spirit and you shall by no means fulfill the lust of the flesh.
Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
Gal 5:23 Meekness, self-control; against such things there is no law.
Gal 5:25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.
1 Cor 12:7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for what is profitable.
Eph 5:18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissoluteness, but be filled in spirit,
Zech 4:6 And he answered and spoke to me, saying, This is the word of Jehovah to Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says Jehovah of hosts.

D. Since we are standing as the church in our locality, we must be in the Spirit, because the church is the reproduction of Christ and the reprint of the Spirit.

E. Christ has been regenerated into our being (John 1:12-13; 3:6b), and we are being fully transformed into His being (2 Cor. 3:18); as the Spirit, He is the lampstand, and the church is also the lampstand; we have to see what the church is to such an extent; if we see this vision of the church, we will be afraid to exercise our flesh—Gal. 5:16.

John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of God, to those who believe into His name,
John 1:13 Who were begotten not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
John 3:6b … and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
2 Cor 3:18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.
Gal 5:16 But I say, Walk by the Spirit and you shall by no means fulfill the lust of the flesh.

F. The Spirit is the ultimate consummation of the processed Triune God, and the church is the reprint of the Spirit, the corporate expression of the Triune God; based on this we may say, "No Spirit, no church. More Spirit, more church."

G. Our natural being has no share in the church, no part in the church, because the church is the reprint of the Spirit; the church as the lampstand is pure and without mixture.

H. We need a governing vision that terminates, kills, and annuls everything of our natural man; if this vision is shining so brightly within us, the Lord will have a way to speak to us in our daily life to terminate our natural man—cf. 2:20.

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

I. The "good manners" for the church life are our reborn, indwelt spirit (John 3:6b; Rom. 8:16; 2 Tim. 4:22; 1 Cor. 6:17); in our spirit we have the reprint of the divine Spirit, which is the church in practicality.

John 3:6b … and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
Rom 8:16 The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God.
2 Tim 4:22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.
1 Cor 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

III. The seven lamps of the lampstand (Zech. 4:2; Rev. 4:5) are the seven Spirits of God, the sevenfold intensified Spirit (1:4), as the seven eyes of Jehovah (Zech. 4:10), the seven eyes of the redeeming Lamb (Rev. 5:6), and the seven eyes of the building stone (Zech. 3:9) for the full expression of the Triune God:

Zech 4:2 And he said to me, What do you see? And I said, I see that there is a lampstand all of gold, with its bowl on top of it and its seven lamps upon it, with seven pipes for each of the lamps on top of it;
Rev 4:5 And out of the throne come forth lightnings and voices and thunders. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God;
Rev 1:4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is coming, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,
Zech 4:10 For who has despised the day of small things? For these seven rejoice when they see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel; they are the eyes of Jehovah running to and fro on the whole earth.
Rev 5:6 And I saw in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures and in the midst of the elders a Lamb standing as having just been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.
Zech 3:9 For here is the stone that I have set before Joshua-upon one stone are seven eyes. I will engrave its engraving, declares Jehovah of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

A. The sevenfold intensified Spirit is the eyes of Christ as the redeeming Lamb and the building stone to observe and search us and to infuse and transfuse us with Christ's essence, riches, and burden for God's building—v. 9; 4:7; Rev. 1:14; 5:6.

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Zech 4:7 Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a plain, and he will bring forth the topstone with shouts of Grace, grace to it.
Rev 1:14 And His head and hair were as white as white wool, as snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire;
Rev 5:6 And I saw in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures and in the midst of the elders a Lamb standing as having just been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

B. The seven eyes of the Lamb infuse us with Christ as the judicial Redeemer, and the seven eyes of the stone infuse us with Christ as the organic Savior for God's economical move on earth through His judicial redemption and by His organic salvation for the goal of His building—John 1:29; Acts 4:11-12; Rom. 5:10; 1 Cor. 3:12.

John 1:29 The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

Acts 4:11 This is the stone which was considered as nothing by you, the builders, which has become the head of the corner.

Acts 4:12 And there is salvation in no other, for neither is there another name under heaven given among men in which we must be saved.

Rom 5:10 For if we, being enemies, were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more we will be saved in His life, having been reconciled,

1 Cor 3:12 But if anyone builds upon the foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, grass, stubble,

C. Within us we have two lamps—the sevenfold intensified Spirit of God within our spirit—Prov. 20:27; Rev. 4:5; 1 Cor. 6:17:

Prov 20:27 The spirit of man is the lamp of Jehovah, / Searching all the innermost parts of the inner being.

Rev 4:5 And out of the throne come forth lightnings and voices and thunders. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God;

1 Cor 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

1. In order to be transformed, we must fully open to the Lord in prayer to allow the lamp of the Lord with the seven lamps of fire to search all the chambers of our soul, shining on and enlightening our inward parts to supply them with life —2:11a; Eph. 6:18.

1 Cor 2:11a For who among men knows the things of man, except the spirit of man which is in him? …

Eph 6:18 By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints,

2. The one who experiences the greatest amount of transformation is the one who is fully open to the Lord.

D. In His resurrection Christ, as the last Adam, became the life-giving Spirit (1 Cor. 15:45b; John 6:63a; 2 Cor. 3:6b), who is also the sevenfold intensified Spirit; this Spirit is the Spirit of life (Rom. 8:2); hence, the function of the seven Spirits is to impart the divine life into God's people for the building up of God's eternal habitation, the New Jerusalem.

1 Cor 15:45b … the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

John 6:63a It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; …

2 Cor 3:6b … for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death.

E. The seven Spirits are burning before the throne to carry out God's administration, to execute God's economy in the universe, by directing the world situation.

F. The sevenfold intensified Spirit is the seven lamps of fire to burn, enlighten, expose, judge, purify, and refine us to produce the golden lampstands for the fulfillment of God's New Testament economy—Rev. 4:5.

Rev 4:5 And out of the throne come forth lightnings and voices and thunders. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God;

G. The seven Spirits, who are the lamps of fire in this age executing God's New Testament economy, will become the river of water saturating the holy city of God, the New Jerusalem—22:1-2.

Rev 22:1 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.

Rev 22:2 And on this side and on that side of the river was the tree of life, producing twelve fruits, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

H. By the operation of the sevenfold intensified Spirit within Christ's seeking believers, they are intensified to become the overcomers to build up the Body of Christ, which consummates the New Jerusalem.

IV. We need to see the vision of the two olive trees on the two sides of the lampstand—Zech. 4:11-14:

Zech 4:11 Then I answered and said to him, What are these two olive trees on the right of the lampstand and on its left?

Zech 4:12 And I answered a second time and said to him, What are the two olive branches that are by the side of the two golden spouts, which empty the gold from themselves?

Zech 4:13 And he spoke to me, saying, Do you not know what these are? And I said, No, sir.

Zech 4:14 And he said, These are the two sons of oil, who stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

A. The two olive trees signify Joshua the high priest and Zerubbabel the governor at the time, who were the two sons of oil, filled with the Spirit of Jehovah for the rebuilding of God's temple —vv. 3-6, 12-14:

Zech 4:3 And there are two olive trees beside it, one to the right of the bowl and one to the left.

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1. The building up of God's dwelling place is a noble work to be done by all God's people (1 Cor. 3:10; Eph. 4:12, 16); however, the wisdom, understanding, knowledge, and skill for this work must be God Himself as the Spirit to us (Exo. 31:2-6; cf. Col. 1:28-29).

1 Cor 3:10 According to the grace of God given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid a foundation, and another builds upon it. But let each man take heed how he builds upon it.

Eph 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints unto the work of the ministry, unto the building up of the Body of Christ,

Eph 4:16 Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.

Exo 31:2 See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah.

Exo 31:3 And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom and with understanding and with knowledge and with all kinds of workmanship,

Exo 31:4 To fashion skillful designs, to work in gold and in silver and in bronze,

Exo 31:5 And in the cutting of stones for setting and in the carving of wood, to work in all kinds of workmanship.

Exo 31:6 And now, I Myself have appointed with him Oholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and in the heart of all who are wise in heart I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded you:

Col 1:28 Whom we announce, admonishing every man and teaching every man in all wisdom that we may present every man full-grown in Christ;

Col 1:29 For which also I labor, struggling according to His operation which operates in me in power.

2. Only the Spirit of God can build His own dwelling place through us—Zech. 4:6; Eph. 2:21-22; 1 Cor. 3:16-17; 6:19.

Zech 4:6 And he answered and spoke to me, saying, This is the word of Jehovah to Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says Jehovah of hosts.

Eph 2:21 In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;

Eph 2:22 In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.

1 Cor 3:16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

1 Cor 3:17 If anyone destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him; for the temple of God is holy, and such are you.

1 Cor 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

3. To bring forth the topstone is to complete the building; the shouts of "Grace, grace to it" indicate that the topstone itself is grace; the topstone typifies Christ, who is the grace from God to us to be the covering of God's building—Zech. 4:7; 1 Cor. 15:10; 2 Cor. 1:12; 12:7-9.

Zech 4:7 Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a plain, and he will bring forth the topstone with shouts of Grace, grace to it.

1 Cor 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am; and His grace unto me did not turn out to be in vain, but, on the contrary, I labored more abundantly than all of them, yet not I but the grace of God which is with me.

2 Cor 1:12 For our boasting is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in singleness and sincerity of God, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we have conducted ourselves in the world, and more abundantly toward you.

2 Cor 12:7 And because of the transcendence of the revelations, in order that I might not be exceedingly lifted up, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, that he might buffet me, in order that I might not be exceedingly lifted up.

2 Cor 12:8 Concerning this I entreated the Lord three times that it might depart from me.

2 Cor 12:9 And He has said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly therefore I will rather boast in my weaknesses that the power of Christ might tabernacle over me.

4. Christ is the foundation stone to uphold God's building (Isa. 28:16; 1 Cor. 3:11), the cornerstone to join together the Gentile and Jewish members of His Body (Eph. 2:20; 1 Pet. 2:6), and the topstone to consummate God's building.

Isa 28:16 Therefore thus says / The Lord Jehovah: / Indeed I lay a stone in Zion as a foundation, / A tested stone, / A precious cornerstone as a foundation firmly established; / He who believes will not hasten away.

1 Cor 3:11 For another foundation no one is able to lay besides that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Eph 2:20 Being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone;

1 Pet 2:6 For it is contained in Scripture: "Behold, I lay in Zion a cornerstone, chosen and precious; and he who believes on Him shall by no means be put to shame."

B. The two sons of oil also typify the two witnesses, Moses and Elijah, in the last three and a half years of the present age, who will be witnesses of God in the great tribulation for the strengthening of God's peoples—the Israelites and the believers in Christ—11:3-12; 12:17.

Rev 11:3 And I will cause My two witnesses to prophesy a thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.

Rev 11:4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands which stand before the Lord of the earth.

Rev 11:5 And if anyone desires to harm them, fire proceeds out of their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone desires to harm them, thus must he be killed.

Rev 11:6 These have the authority to shut heaven that no rain may fall during the days of their prophecy; and they have authority over the waters to turn them into blood and to smite the earth with every plague as often as they desire.

Rev 11:7 And when they have completed their testimony, the beast who comes up out of the abyss will make war with them and will overcome them and kill them.

Rev 11:8 And their corpses will be on the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.

Rev 11:9 And those of the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations see their corpses for three and a half days, and they will not allow their corpses to be placed in a tomb.

Rev 11:10 And those who dwell on the earth rejoice over them and make merry; and they will send gifts to one another because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

Rev 11:11 And after the three and a half days, the breath of life out of God entered into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those beholding them.
Rev 11:12 And they heard a loud voice out of heaven saying to them, Come up here. And they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies beheld them.
Rev 12:17 And the dragon became angry with the woman and went away to make war with the rest of her seed, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus.

C. In principle, all the believers in Christ should be sons of fresh oil, those who are filled with the Spirit as the oil to flow out the Spirit into the lampstand for its shining testimony, the testimony of Jesus—cf. 1:2, 9; Psa. 92:10:

Rev 1:2 Who testified the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ, even all that he saw.
Rev 1:9 I John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and endurance in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.
Psa 92:10 But You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; / I am anointed with fresh oil.

1. The church as the lampstand is the solid embodiment of the Triune God with the sevenfold intensified Spirit as the oil of God in His divine nature.
2. The oil itself is gold (Zech. 4:12), which means that the gold flows as oil; when more oil is added into the lampstand, that means more gold is added.

Zech 4:12 And I answered a second time and said to him, What are the two olive branches that are by the side of the two golden spouts, which empty the gold from themselves?

3. We need to pay the price to gain more gold, more of God in His divine nature—2 Pet. 1:4; Rev. 3:18; Zech. 4:12-14; Matt. 25:8-9.

2 Pet 1:4 Through which He has granted to us precious and exceedingly great promises that through these you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption which is in the world by lust.
Rev 3:18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined by fire that you may be rich, and white garments that you may be clothed and that the shame of your nakedness may not be manifested, and eyesalve to anoint your eyes that you may see.
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Zech 4:13 And he spoke to me, saying, Do you not know what these are? And I said, No, sir.
Zech 4:14 And he said, These are the two sons of oil, who stand by the Lord of the whole earth.
Matt 25:8 And the foolish said to the prudent, Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.
Matt 25:9 But the prudent answered, saying, Perhaps there will not be enough for us and for you; go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.

4. As we apply this matter to our experience today, we see that the Spirit who flows out of us is God, and God is gold; thus, when we minister Christ to others, supplying them with oil, we are actually supplying them with God; God is flowing out from us into them.
5. We all should be olive trees emptying God from ourselves into others; in this way oil will be provided to the needy by those who are olive trees out of which God is flowing—Rom. 11:17; Luke 10:34; cf. John 7:37-39.

Rom 11:17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them and became a fellow partaker of the root of fatness of the olive tree,
Luke 10:34 And he came to him and bound up his wounds and poured oil and wine on them. And placing him on his own beast, he brought him to an inn and took care of him.
John 7:37 Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.
John 7:38 He who believes into Me, as the Scripture said, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.
John 7:39 But this He said concerning the Spirit, whom those who believed into Him were about to receive; for the Spirit was not yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.