Message Three

The Golden Lampstand

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Experiencing the Pure Gold, the Solid Form, and the Seven Lamps for the Building

Scripture Reading: Exo. 25: 31, 36-37; Rev. 1:12, 20; 2:1; 4:5

I. The golden lampstand signifies the Triune God embodied and expressed, and the more we experience the detailed aspects of the Triune God depicted in the lampstand, the more we will become in reality the golden lampstand as the embodiment and expression of the Triune God—Rev. 1:12, 20.

II. The lampstand is of pure gold, signifying the divine nature, the eternal, incorruptible nature of God the Father—Exo. 25:31:

- A. The substance, the element, of the lampstand signifies the divine nature; the golden lampstand exists in the nature of God the Father.
- B. We need to experience the golden element of the lampstand, paying the price to gain more gold and receiving God as the golden element into the depths of our being—2 Pet. 1:4; Rev. 3:18.
- C. How much of the divine nature has been wrought into us determines to what extent we are the church in actuality—1:20.
- D. The church as the lampstand is pure and without mixture—21:18b:
 - 1. Mixture in our Christian life brings in darkness.
 - 2. When our Christian life is purified through the divine nature, we have light; we shine with the divine element which has been infused into us.

III. The stand is a solid form signifying God the Son as the embodiment of God the Father—Exo. 25:31:

- A. Christ has been regenerated into our being, He is being formed in us, and we are being transformed into His being—John 1:12-13; Gal. 4:19; 2 Cor. 3:18.
- B. Through God's organic salvation, we are being saved from self-likeness (the expression of the self) and are being conformed to the image of Christ as the firstborn Son of God—Rom. 5:10; 8:39.
- C. Since the lampstand is of beaten work, we need to be beaten together with others into one entity to shine forth the light of God for His corporate testimony—Exo. 25:31; Col. 1:24.

IV. The seven lamps signify God the Spirit being the seven Spirits of God for His expression—Exo. 25:37; Rev. 4:5:

- A. Within us we have two lamps—the sevenfold intensified Spirit of God within our regenerated spirit—shining and enlightening our inward parts—Rev. 4:5; Prov. 20:27; 1 Cor. 6:17; 2:11-12.
- B. If we would be transformed, we need to open to the Lord to allow the two lamps to search all the chambers of our soul, shining on and

enlightening our inward parts to supply them with life—Prov. 20:27; Rev. 4:5; Luke 11:36.

V. All the gold must be brought together as one unit, one entity; this refers to the building—Exo. 25:31, 36; Matt. 16:18; Eph. 2:21-22; 4:16:

- A. God does not desire hundreds of individual units of gold; He wants all the gold put together and beaten to form the lampstand.
- B. If we have seen the building, we will never be individualistic; rather, we will realize that whatever we gain of the divine element is for the building:
 - 1. We may be rich in gold but poor in the lampstand—the building.
 - 2. For us to be spiritual as an end in itself is meaningless as far as the lampstand is concerned.
 - 3. Our gold must be put together, beaten, and built up as one entity; this refers to the building—Matt. 16:18; Eph. 2:21-22; 4:16.