52 Days of Building a Second Wall with the Word and Wisdom

**Walk as Children of the Light**

Day 43, June 25, 2013

**Please read through Psalm 119:129-152.** Notice all the wonderful attributes and benefits of opening up the Word of God. When we approach the Word with an open mind, the Holy Spirit pours into us the wisdom we need for each day, to give us the light we need to walk with the Lord in a manner that is pleasing to Him. When we walk this way, we are cleansed and ready to come closer to Him.

**Psalm 119:130** “The unfolding (*opening*) of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple (*open minded, childlike*).”

**Let’s journey into the Holy Place today**. Please take a moment and pray for the Lord to wash you and cleanse you with His Word. Ask the Holy Spirit to open up your mind to the wisdom He desires to impart to us this day.

The Holy Place was an enclosed room 30 x 15 feet. The walls and ceiling were woven curtains of blue, purple, and red linen. They were covered with three other layers of skins and materials to keep it waterproof. There was one entrance, just beyond the Brass Laver, through the first veil. There were no windows, and you would expect this to be a very dark place; but **the entire room was filled with light from the Golden Lampstand** which reflected off the other two golden objects in the room. Twice a day, a priest would cleanse himself in the brass laver and enter into the Holy Place to tend to the Golden Lampstand. The light was never to go out, so they were careful to keep the lamps filled with oil and wicks trimmed.

The Golden lampstand points to four things. First, **Jesus is the light of the World.**

**John 8:12 “**Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, ‘I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.’”

The world we live in is in great darkness, and until we ask Jesus to come into our hearts, our lives are characterized by deeds of darkness and sin. We live in fear and confusion, having no purpose or direction in our lives. Jesus comes to give us eternal life and to enlighten every step we take while we are here on earth. When His light begins to shine in our hearts, the darkness around us flees along with our fears. As He illuminates the path He has for us to walk, we find kingdom purpose for our lives.

Second, **God’s Word gives us light**. When we do not know the way God has for us, studying His Word will be the light we need to show us the way.

**Psalm 119:105** "Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.”

**Psalm 119:130** “The unfolding of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.”

Third, **the Holy Spirit is the flaming oil in the lampstand.**

**Revelation 4:5 “**Out from the throne come flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder, and there were **seven lamps of fire** burning before the throne, which are the **seven Spirits of God**.”

The seven Spirits mentioned in the book of Revelation can be found in Isaiah 11:2 and Isaiah 28:6. They are the Spirit of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Strength, Knowledge, Fear of the Lord, and Justice.

The Holy Spirit is often referred to as the oil in a lamp, the fuel that causes a flame to burn. The Holy Spirit is given to each believer to burn in our hearts. He longs to teach us about these seven Spirits so we will come to know the love of God and be equipped to do all He has for us to do. As believers we are to be lit with the brilliance of the anointing and giftings of the Holy Spirit, to provide illumination in our lives and the lives of those around us. **Without the “oil” of the Holy Spirit we cannot minister effectively to the Lord in studying His Word, praying prayers that are His will, or worshipping with proper attitudes.**

Fourth, **the Church is to be a lampstand.**

**Revelation 1:12-20 “**Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands… the seven lampstands are the seven churches.”

In chapters 2 and 3 of Revelation, Jesus walks among the lampstands, the churches, commenting on the deeds He sees them performing. **As lampstands, we are to carry the light of Christ and to shine His light in this dark world.** We are to glorify Jesus in our bodies. To give glory to is to reflect back the character of someone to others. If Jesus is light, we are to reflect light back to the world.

**Isaiah 60:1-3 “**Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness will cover the earth and deep darkness the peoples; but the LORD will rise upon you and His glory will appear upon you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.”

We all start as little lights, but God wants us to be filled more and more with the fire of the Holy Spirit so we can be blazing torches for His glory. In order to be filled with Him, some things must be emptied out of our lives, so we can be a vessel of honor for His glory and a tool of light in God’s hands.

**Matthew 5:13-16 “**You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. **Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven**.”

Often Christians keep the light within hidden from the world around them. God knew we would have this tendency so He encourages us to arise and let our lights shine. As lights for His glory, we are to be raised up off the ground and put in a lampstand, so people can see the light. What good is the light if no one can see it?

One way to be a light is to **share the Gospel** with those who do not know the Lord.

**Acts 13:47 “**For so the Lord has commanded us, **I have placed you as a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the end of the earth.”**

God has sent us to open the eyes of those who do not know Jesus, so they may turn from darkness to light. To be an effective and bold witness, we must know God’s Word. Many people are hesitant to witness because they feel they do not know enough scriptures. It is good for us to memorize key salvation scriptures, so we are always ready to share them with others. If we are faithful to study His Word, the Holy Spirit will be faithful to remind us of His Word when we need it. **We must all pray that God will give us a love for the lost so that we care about their eternity and are moved to share the light God has given us.**

Another way to be a light is to partner with God to offer a **prophetic word** to someone God knows is struggling.

**2 Peter 1:19-21 “**So we have **the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place**, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but **men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.”**

Prophesy is a very misunderstood word in the body of Christ. Simply defined, prophesy is God speaking to us. It is a gift the Holy Spirit gives to us. It is not reserved for a few guys in the Old Testament. Paul tells us we should all earnestly desire the spiritual gift of prophesy; because when we speak a word from God to others they are edified, exhorted, and consoled. When we share God’s heart to another through prophesy, the darkness around them is suddenly overcome and the brightness of the Lord’s Love now shines in their hearts.

Letting the brightness of our spirit impact all the people around us should be the lifestyle for all believers. Priests trimmed wicks and filled the oil for the lamps every morning and evening to make sure the light did not go out. Do we do this? Are we this vigilant to check ourselves every morning and every night to see if our light is still shining? We must continue in our walk of consecration, abstaining from the deeds of darkness, so more and more of His light can shine in us.

**DIGGING DEEPER:**

**Please read Ephesians 5**. This chapter encourages us to walk as children of the light.