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THE GOLDEN CANDLESTICK

INTRODUCTION

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In the courtyard experience there was a period of time of getting to know God. A time where we learned to trust and believe He could really fulfill His promises. It was sort of like dating your wife before you were married. You were in emotional love with her, but time was necessarily spent getting to know each other. Finally, one day you realized you could not exist without her, you wanted more than an occasional good night hug and a kiss. You loved her more than that. This very allegory is found in Ephesians.

EPHESIANS 5:20- Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore, as the church is subject unto Christ, so *let the wives be* to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as **Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.**

NOTE: Stop right here for just a moment. Can you see that in the courtyard there is no way the individual or the church, for that matter, can be without blemish? Its whole function is the forgiveness and cleansing from sin! That is a situation of many spots and wrinkles. Christ wants more for us; that

is why we must have the holy place (trysting room) experience. Let us continue in Ephesians;

EPHESIANS 5:28-32. “So, ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: **For we are members of his (Christ’s) body, of his flesh, and of his bones.** For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and **they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.**”

NOTE: “They two shall be one flesh, this is a great mystery.” We become one flesh by the study and absorption, and amalgamation of the entire word of God within ourselves!

1st JOHN 3:2, 3. “Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.”

NOTE: And so, we come into the place of engagement, the trysting room. Here we are entering into a holy, holy place. It is not the most holy place but a very holy and wonderful experience with Christ. This is the place of sanctification (victory over every sin). We must understand the function and purpose for each article of furniture so that we can understand what Christ is doing for us at each step of sanctification. Christ has promised to do nothing until He reveals it first to the prophets. As we move from the courtyard into the engagement room in our experience Christ knocks on the heart’s door and asks for entrance into the innermost sanctum of the mind, to sup and live within us from this point forward! Christ would have us to understand how this cleansing is to take place. That is why He has revealed the function of each article within the holy place, equating them to functions within our minds.

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Each article of furniture represents a type of His work of cleansing the soul temple of its defilement so there will be not “spot or wrinkle” of any sort left in His wife to be.

GC 4882-489:1. “Those who would share the benefits of the Saviour’s mediation should permit nothing to interfere with their duty to perfect holiness in the fear of God. The precious hours, instead of being given to pleasure, to display, or to gain seeking, should be devoted to an earnest, prayerful study of the word of truth. **The subject of the sanctuary and the investigative judgment should be clearly understood by the people of God. All need a knowledge for themselves of the position and work of their great High Priest. Otherwise it will be impossible for them to exercise the faith which is essential at this time or to occupy the position which God designs them to fill.** Every individual has a soul to save or to lose. Each has a case pending at the bar of God. Each must meet the great Judge face to face. How important, then, that every mind contemplate often the solemn scene when the judgment shall sit and the books shall be opened, when, with Daniel, every individual must stand in his lot, at the end of the days. {GC 488.2}.

“All who have received the light upon these subjects are to bear testimony of the great truths which God has committed to them. The sanctuary in heaven is the very center of Christ’s work in behalf of men. **It concerns every soul living upon the earth. It opens to view the plan of redemption, bringing us down to the very close of time and revealing the triumphant issue of the contest between righteousness and sin. It is of the utmost importance that all should thoroughly investigate these subjects and be able to give an answer to everyone that asketh them a reason of the hope that is in them.** {GC 488.3}.

“The intercession of Christ in man’s behalf in the sanctuary above is as essential to the plan of

salvation as was His death upon the cross. By His death He began that work which after His resurrection He ascended to complete in heaven. **We must by faith enter within the veil, “whither the forerunner is for us entered.” Hebrews 6:20.** There the light from the cross of Calvary is reflected. **There we may gain a clearer insight into the mysteries of redemption.** The salvation of man is accomplished at an infinite expense to heaven; **the sacrifice made is equal to the broadest demands of the broken law of God. Jesus has opened the way to the Father’s throne, and through His mediation the sincere desire of all who come to Him in faith may be presented before God.** {GC 489.1}.

NOTE: The work performed in the first apartment is that of partial cleansing. This trysting room does not remove the memory and experience of sin. It is the place where we must, through the power of the holy spirit, overcome every sin! but we still have the memory of sins past. You cannot be fully free from sin as long as the memory of that sin exists in the mind. To remember a specific sin is like using a dirty dishrag for cleaning, it is impossible to get something really clean using a dirty cleaning cloth. We all have the memory and experience of sin. That is what the work that Christ, as our high priest, performs, or achieve, in the shrine or the most holy place administration. We must understand that though the cleansing from sin is finished in the shrine, it must begin in the trysting room (Moffitt translation).

The first article of furniture in the holy place is the seven-branched candlestick. Let us consider it that we might think the thoughts of God after Him.

I have chosen the candlestick as the first article of study because it represents the holy spirit. We need the spirit that we might understand and discern all other things concerning the work of sanctification taking place in the first apartment. Without the holy

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spirit it is impossible to understand, or comprehend the sanctification that prepares us to be the wife of Christ.

EXODUS 25: 31-36. “And thou shalt make a candlestick *of* pure gold: *of* beaten work shall the candlestick be made: his shaft, and his branches, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, shall be of the same. And six branches shall come out of the sides of it; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side: Three bowls made like unto almonds, *with* a knop and a flower in one branch; and three bowls made like almonds in the other branch, *with* a knop and a flower: so in the six branches that come out of the candlestick. And in the candlestick *shall be* four bowls made like unto almonds, *with* their knops and their flowers. And *there shall be* a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, according to the six branches that proceed out of the candlestick. Their knops and their branches shall be of the same: all it *shall be* one beaten work *of* pure gold.”

ZECHARIAH 4:1-6. “And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep, And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all *of* gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which *are* upon the top thereof: And two olive trees by it, one upon the right *side* of the bowl, and the other upon the left *side* thereof. So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What *are* these, my lord? Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. 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.”

NOTE: The candlestick was to be one solid piece of pure gold, a beaten work, very beautiful. There were no separate pieces made and then put together. This signifies that there was no division or chasms or gaps in the work of cleansing the soul temple by the holy spirit. Because it was solid gold, we know that the holy spirit is of divine origin, it is the mind of God!

“Of beaten work” this signifies that all the trials, heart aches, and miseries that God’s people experience are but trials and chastisement from God that we might form a right way of thinking and acting that is pleasing to God! It is His way of purifying us for the heavenly garner.

JOHN 14:16-18. “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; *Even the Spirit of truth*; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye *know him*; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: *I will come to you.*”

JOHN 14:26. “But the Comforter, *which is the Holy Ghost* (or holy spirit), whom the Father will send in my name, he shall *teach you all things*, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

JOHN 16:13, 14. “Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, *he will guide you into all truth*: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you, things to come. **He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you.**”

NOTE: What part of the body is used to fight temptation and sin; to understand and accept truth? **It is the mind!** Therefore, the mind and heart, is also the

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dwelling place of the holy spirit.

Why cannot the world receive the spirit of truth? First off, they cannot see him, second the things of the spirit are foolishness to them, and third, the spirit does not dwell in them therefore, they do not know him.

Remember in John 14:15, 16 we are told “if you love me keep my commandments.” It is evident, if we don’t keep the commandments, we do not love God, therefore the spirit or comforter, is not given to those who do not love and keep God’s commandments! You must understand, if we do not keep all the commandments of God the comforter just does not reside within you! Are you keeping all the law of God? This includes the sins we think don’t matter so much, maybe we tend to ignore them. Refuse all these sins by the power of the spirit and see what God will do for you. We all think we have the spirit of God now, but give up all sin and it will astound you what will happen in your spiritual life.

Do you see why it is impossible for the worldling to receive the Comforter? The worldling thinks the ten commandments were nailed to the cross and are no longer binding and have no authority over the Christian any longer. How do they expect to receive the holy spirit? NO! The spirit they have is from beneath and is earthly, sensual, and demonic. The true spirit of God is the spirit of truth and will lead you into all truth, it will exalt Christ and the law of God. Any spirit that suggest a different course is not from God! The purpose and work of the candlestick, or the holy spirit, is to shed light within the sanctuary, which is the soul. There is no other light in the sanctuary, anything else is really darkness proclaiming to be light.

This all is representing the conscious mind being filled with wisdom, understanding and comprehension. The Word must have a living manifestation, if you will, it must become a living oracle within each of us before Christ’s return. The living testimony

must be revived!

COL 408:3. “Without the Spirit of God a knowledge of His word is of no avail. **The theory of truth, unaccompanied by the Holy Spirit, cannot quicken the soul or sanctify the heart. One may be familiar with the commands and promises of the Bible; but unless the Spirit of God sets the truth home, the character will not be transformed.** Without the enlightenment of the Spirit, men will not be able to distinguish truth from error, and they will fall under the masterful temptations of Satan.” {COL 408.3}.

NOTE: That light that they believe they have is nothing but darkness! OH YES, Satan has a counterfeit spirit, but it is nothing but darkness and will cause you to be deceived and lost for eternity if you accept it. Be very careful what you accept as truth in your soul. Diligently compare it with Scripture and be sure, absolutely sure, it follows the Bible.

2ND TIMOTHY 2:15. “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

PSALMS 119:105. “Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

JOHN 1:4. “In him (Christ) was life; and the life was the light of men.”

JOHN 14:6. “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

NOTE: Jesus is the light of the world. He is the Word of God see John 1:1, 2, 14. Can you see that the Word Jesus, and the holy spirit are really all a description of the same individual? I want to show from the Bible who the holy spirit really is. Are you ready to study and find out some truth with me?

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JOHN 15:26. “But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, *even* the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me.”

NOTE: The comforter is the holy spirit, or the spirit of truth sent from the Father to us. Is this spirit a third God? or is the holy spirit something other than a god or is he the spirit of the Father or the spirit of the Son?

Notice that Jesus is the truth! We just read that in John 14:6. And the comforter is the spirit of truth. We read that in John 15:26. Now if Jesus is the truth and the comforter is the spirit of truth would that not make the holy spirit the spirit of Jesus and not a third God person.

DA 671:1. “The Comforter is called “the Spirit of truth.” His work is to define and maintain the truth. **He first dwells in the heart as the Spirit of truth, and thus He becomes the Comforter.** There is comfort and peace in the truth, but no real peace or comfort can be found in falsehood. It is through **false theories and traditions that Satan gains his power over the mind.** By directing men to false standards, he misshapes the character. Through the Scriptures the Holy Spirit speaks to the mind, and impresses truth upon the heart. Thus, He exposes error, and expels it from the soul. It is by the spirit of truth, working through

the word of God, that Christ subdues His chosen people to Himself.” {DA 671.1}.

NOTE: You will notice that it is the holy spirit’s work that sin is expelled from the heart, but then it is Christ that subdues His people to Himself. Does this not mean Jesus is the holy spirit?

At Saini the construction had to be postponed because of apostasy. Christ also had to postpone the cleansing and restoration of our soul temple because of the apostasy in the 80’s and 90’s but He is continuing that work again because many of His children have been reinstated into His favor! Here is the record of the apostasy at Saini:

PP 343:1, 3. “By their apostasy the Israelites forfeited the blessing of the divine Presence, and for the time rendered impossible the erection of a sanctuary for God (to dwell) among them. But after they were again taken into favor with Heaven, the great leader proceeded to execute the divine command. {PP 343.1}.

“For the building of the sanctuary great and expensive preparations were necessary; a large amount of the most precious and costly material was required; yet the Lord accepted only freewill offerings. “Of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take My offering” was the divine command repeated by Moses to the congregation. **Devotion to God and a spirit of sacrifice were the first requisites in preparing a dwelling place for the Most High.**” {PP 343.3}.

NOTE: Is it not the same requirement of sacrifice and devotion on our part today that are necessary before God can prepare within us His sanctuary, His dwelling place. We must possess a spirit willing to sacrifice every object that would separate us from God. We must love God with all our heart, soul and mind.

The Lord has delayed His second coming in order

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to build His sanctuary within us. Is not this delay due to apostasy on our part? As costly and expensive preparations were necessary back then, so are we to make costly sacrifices of selfishness and sin in our lives today for the preparation of a dwelling place for God in our hearts? Nothing is sacrificed that is for our good, only that which is harmful to us does God require as a sacrifice. Only freewill offerings were accepted for the building of the sanctuary. Only voluntary sacrifices of sin and freewill offerings can be accepted of God in the cleansing of the soul temple!

ROMANS 12:1, 2. “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, **that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is your reasonable service*. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

REVELATION 3:20, 21. “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.”

NOTE: Because of apostasy God had to postpone His work of cleansing the soul temple. This apostasy began in the 1920's just 5 years after Ellen's death. By the 30's and 40's the apostasy had begun to take root. By the 50's and 60's it was accepted by most Adventists. In the year 1980 it was confirmed by the general conference session by the voting in of the Trinity doctrine as a fundamental belief. Since that time many Adventists have been disfellowshipped from that church. But when those that will be saved are accepted back into favor with God by complete obedience, that cleansing can

once more begin again and He will dwell—not just among us—but within each of his faithful people.

Now we have taken another step on the path to the throne of God. May your journey be complete. This destination is the will of God! listen to what Jesus said in His last will and testament.

JOHN 17:24. “Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: **for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.**”

Where is Jesus at today?

REVELATION 3:21, 22. “To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.”

NOTE: If you will notice, this promise is made to the Laodiceans, which is the last phase of God's true church.

In view of what Christ wants to give us, how can we continue in sin? Strange infatuation, what is this power sin holds on us? Think God, all power is given to Jesus in heaven and earth. Do you believe this? If you do it will break every hold Satan has over you! Stay close to Christ, don't let Him out of your thoughts, pray and keep Him near to you at all times. This will be your victory!

1ST JOHN 3:9. “Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed (Christ, God's seed) remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.”

NOTE: Do not let every day activities steal you from your victory. Don't let yourself forget Him, for when you do, Satan will be there instantly to tempt and annoy. If you find yourself alone without

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Jesus you must immediately renew your connection with Him or you will fall again.

Let us pray:

Holy Father, grant us Your holy spirit that we may have the victory over sin. May we have understanding of these grand subjects? Forgive our sins and cleans our hearts. Give us a right way of thinking. I ask these things in the name of Jesus Your Son. Amen.

Your brother in Christ

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