

Empowered to Serve

Zechariah 4:1-14

Intro: The vision of the “Golden Lampstand” in the fourth chapter of Zechariah records God’s message to Zerubbabel *that His work is Spiritual in nature and is accomplished “not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the LORD of hosts” (4:6b)*

I. The Statement of the Vision 4:1-4

A. The Angelic Vision (vv. 1-3)

The three peculiar features:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

B. The Prophet’s Perplexity (v. 4)



Vision of the Golden Lampstand

II. The Significance of the Vision 4:5-10

A. The Angel’s Question (v. 5)

B. The Angel’s Explanation of the Vision (vv. 6-7)

God’s message to Zerubbabel was that His work was Spiritual in nature, and was accomplished *“not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the LORD of hosts.”*

III. The Source of Supply: *The Meaning of the Two Olive Trees* 4:11-14

A. Zechariah’s question to the angel (vv. 11-12)

“What are these two olive trees?”

B. The interpreting angel’s reply (4:13-14)

1. God works through Spirit empowered leadership.
 - a. *Historically:* Zerubbabel and Joshua served the postexilic community as God’s anointed ones (4:14)
 - b. *Eschatologically:* Elijah and Moses will serve as God’s anointed ones (Rev 11:1-14)
2. God’s work will be completed through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. When Jesus returns, He will combine the two offices of Priest and King in His royal Person. According to the Book of Hebrews Jesus is a High Priest forever after the order of Melchizedek, and Psalms 110:1-7 presents Him as *King of kings and LORD of lords.*

Applications:

1. Accomplishing the work of God, *requires submission to the Holy Spirit of God (4:6).*
2. Total surrender of ourselves to the indwelling Holy Spirit will result in blessing and power!