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Sermon Title: “The Golden Lampstand”

Text: Exodus 25:31-40 (ESV)

Sermon Series: MEET GOD HERE

<sup>31</sup>“You shall make a lampstand of pure gold. The lampstand shall be made of hammered work: its base, its stem, its cups, its calyxes, and its flowers shall be of one piece with it. <sup>32</sup>And there shall be six branches going out of its sides, three branches of the lampstand out of one side of it and three branches of the lampstand out of the other side of it; <sup>33</sup>three cups made like almond blossoms, each with calyx and flower, on one branch, and three cups made like almond blossoms, each with calyx and flower, on the other branch—so for the six branches going out of the lampstand. <sup>34</sup>And on the lampstand itself there shall be four cups made like almond blossoms, with their calyxes and flowers, <sup>35</sup>and a calyx of one piece with it under each pair of the six branches going out from the lampstand. <sup>36</sup>Their calyxes and their branches shall be of one piece with it, the whole of it a single piece of hammered work of pure gold. <sup>37</sup>You shall make seven lamps for it. And the lamps shall be set up so as to give light on the space in front of it. <sup>38</sup>Its tongs and their trays shall be of pure gold. <sup>39</sup>It shall be made, with all these utensils, out of a talent of pure gold. <sup>40</sup>And see that you make them after the pattern for them, which is being shown you on the mountain.

### ***1. The Structure of the Lampstand (Ex. 25:31-40)***

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### ***2. The Lampstand and Christ (Isaiah 54:4-5)***

<sup>4</sup>“Fear not, for you will not be ashamed;  
be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced;  
for you will forget the shame of your youth,

and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more.  
<sup>5</sup>For your Maker is your husband,  
the Lord of hosts is his name;  
and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer,  
the God of the whole earth he is called.

### ***3. The Lampstand and the Christian (Psalm 119:105)***

<sup>105</sup>Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.

### ***4. The Lampstand and the Comforter (Romans 8:26-27)***

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

### ***5. The Lampstand and Cleansing (Ex. 33:18-23)***

<sup>18</sup>Moses said, "Please show me your glory." <sup>19</sup>And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The Lord.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. <sup>20</sup>But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live." <sup>21</sup>And the Lord said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, <sup>22</sup>and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. <sup>23</sup>Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."