

# **Sermon Handout**

## **The Light & the Offering**

Exodus 27:20-21; 29:38-46

### **I. The structure of the narrative** Exodus 24:12-34:28

**A** 40 days in God's presence (going up) 24:12-18

**B** Instructions concerning the tabernacle 25:1-27:19

**C** Maintaining lamps daily 27:20-21

**D** Consecrating the priesthood 28:1-29:37

**C<sup>1</sup>** Maintaining offerings daily 29:38-46

**B<sup>1</sup>** Instructions concerning the tabernacle 30:1-31:17

**A<sup>1</sup>** 40 days in God's presence (coming down) 31:18-34:28

### **II. Maintaining the perpetual Light** Ex 27:20-21

a. Seven bowl lampstand of "beaten gold" Ex 25:31-40

Placed outside the veil where God sits (the atonement)

b. "Evening & morning" *cf.* Gen 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31

Light outshines the darkness Gen 1:4-5; Jn 1:5

c. Perpetual light "before the Lord"

Light was created first Gen 1:3-5

Jesus was from the beginning & is "the light" Jn 1:1-5

d. The people prepare & bring the "beaten oil" v. 20

e. The priests prepare & maintain the lamps with oil v. 21

### **III. Maintaining the Offerings** Ex 29:38-46

a. Two lambs are to be offered every day v. 38

b. One lamb in the morning, one in the evening v. 39

i. Correspond to when the lamps are extinguished

ii. Correspond to "morning & evening" *cf.* 27:21

c. Oil & wine offered with the lambs vv. 40-41

d. Perpetual process at the outer door of the tabernacle vv. 42-43

e. God consecrates the altar and leaders, and meets with the people vv. 44-46

### **IV. The Lessons**

a. The people provided the means for liturgical practice

b. A consecrated leadership enacts liturgy on behalf of the people

c. God's presence with his people is perpetuated through corporate worship

Worship is a constant reminder that God is our redeemer Ex 29:45-46