Text: Zechariah 4:1-14

## I. The Candlestick, and the Olive Trees, 4:1-14

- A. The Vision, Vs.1-5
  - i. Man at Best is in a Sleep-Like-Condition,

See I Corinthians 2:1-16

ii. What He Saw,

Matthew 5:14&15 "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.15Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house."

Also See Revelation 1:20 & 2:5

- a) Two Olive Trees,
- B. The Words of Encouragement, Vs.6-10
  - i. The Two Oracles of the Angel, Vs.6-10

**Philippians 1:6** "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:"

a) Don't despise small things,

**Romans 5:3-5** "And not only *so*, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulationn worketh patience;4And patience, experience; and experience, hope:5And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

- C. The Interpretation, Vs11-14
  - i. Ask if we do not understand,

**James 1:5** tells us that if any man lacks wisdom, let him ask, and God will give it to us.

ii. The Two Branches,

**Romans 13:1&2** "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.2Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation."

I Peter 2:13-15 & 18 "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;14Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.15For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:... Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. "

**Hebrews 13:17** "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that *is* unprofitable for you."