

# Sermon Outlines

## Avenues For The Candlestick

### Readings

1. Exodus 25:31-37
2. Colossians 1:12-18

### Introduction

- 1) The Candlestick:
  - a) The word used in two levels, of the central shaft alone
    - i) "Shall the candlestick be made" (Ex. 25:31)
  - b) The entire unit:
    - i) "Out of the sides of it" (v. 32)
    - ii) "Out of the candlestick" (v. 33)
    - iii) "Out of the candlestick" (v. 35)
    - iv) "Over against it" (v. 37)
- 2) The uniqueness of the central branch:
  - a) It is always in the singular

### It's Centrality

Christ in the midst:

- a) For where two or three (Matt: 18:20)
- b) On the cross Jesus in the midst (Jn. 19:18)
- c) In the room after the resurrection (Jn. 20:19)
- d) In the midst of the congregation (Heb. 2:12)
- e) In the midst one like unto the Son of man (Rev. 1:13)
- f) Walking in the midst of the candlesticks (Rev. 2:1)
- g) Midst of the throne and elders stood a lamb (Rev. 5:6)
- h) The Lamb in the midst of the throne (Rev. 7:17)

### It's Preeminence

The Glory of the pre-eminence of Christ:

- a) In His distinction as seen in Hebrews (Heb. 1:1-3).
- b) In His justification: "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit" (1 Tim. 3:16).
- c) In His Qualification: "Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals" (Rev. 5:9).
- d) In His Administration: "Head over all" (Eph. 1:22).
- e) In His Perfection: "Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully" (Psa. 24:3-4).
- f) In His Preservation: "Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling" (Jude 1:24).
- g) In His Representation as Priest: "For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens" (Heb. 7:26).
- h) In His Exultation: "And I beheld, and I heard the voice (singular) of many angels" (Rev. 5:11-14).
- i) In His Exaltation: (God) "raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all" (Eph. 1:20-24).
- j) (Christ has) "gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him" (1 Pet. 3:22).

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- k) In His divine Proclamation: “Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth” (Psa. 89:27).
- l) In His Adjudication: “Committed all judgment” (Jn. 5:22, 27).
- m) His Revelation: “He that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?” (Jn. 14:9).
- n) His Attainment: “Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it” (Col. 2:14-15).
- o) In His Attraction: “What is thy beloved more than another beloved” (Song of Sol. 5:9).

#### He is Pre-eminent By Divine

- 1) Salutation:
  - a) “he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee, As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec” (Heb. 5:5-6).
  - b) “Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec” (Heb. 9-10).
  - c) “The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec” (Heb. 7:21).
- 2) Intention:
  - a) “Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion” (Psa. 2:6).
- 3) Arrangement:
  - a) “The head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is she man; and the head of Christ is God” (1 Cor. 11:3).
- 2) Announcement:
  - a) “Wherefore God also has highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow . . . . And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Phil. 2:9).

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**May God grant us good understanding as He, by His Holy Spirit, deigns to guide us into all truth.  
John 16:13**

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