A Golden Vision Part 2

Zechariah 4:1-14 (ESV)

And the angel who talked with me came again and woke me, like a man who is awakened out of his sleep. And he said to me, “What do you see?” I said, “I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it, and seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. And there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left.” And I said to the angel who talked with me, “What are these, my lord?” Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, “Do you not know what these are?” I said, “No, my lord.” Then he said to me, “This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts. Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain. And he shall bring forward the top stone amid shouts of ‘Grace, grace to it!” Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, “The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also complete it. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice, and shall see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. “These seven are the eyes of the LORD, which range through the whole earth.” Then I said to him, “What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?” And a second time I answered and said to him, “What are these two branches of the olive trees, which are beside the two golden pipes from which the golden oil is poured out?” He said to me, “Do you not know what these are?” I said, “No, my lord.” Then he said, “These are the two anointed ones who stand by the Lord of the whole earth.”

The Golden Lampstand Exodus 25

Numbers 8:2-3 (ESV)

Speak to Aaron and say to him, “When you set up the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light in front of the lampstand.” And Aaron did so: he set up its lamps in front of the lampstand, as the LORD commanded Moses.

Psalm 119:105 (ESV)

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalm 18:28-29 (ESV)

For it is you who light my lamp; the LORD my God lightens my darkness. For by you I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall.

John 1:1-5 (ESV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 8:12 (ESV)

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Revelation 22:5 (ESV)

And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Two Olive Trees Jeremiah 11:16, Romans 11

Joshua and Zerubbabel

Psalm 52:8 (ESV)

But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.

The Point Of The Vision:

Those who are called to fulfill the purpose of God will be filled the with power of God

What Is The Power Of God?

Not by might, not by power, but by my Spirit

Haggai 2:4-5 (ESV)

Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, declares the LORD. Be strong, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land, declares the LORD. Work, for I am with you, declares the LORD of hosts, according to the covenant that I made with you when you came out of Egypt. My Spirit remains in your midst. Fear not.

Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain. And he shall bring forward the top stone amid shouts of ‘Grace, grace to it!’

The superpower that can bring down mountains is the superpower of grace

Old Testament Grace (chen) = Favor

Genesis 6:8 (ESV)

Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

Grace Is Greater Than The Golden Rule

Luke 6:31-36 (NIV)

Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what *credit* is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what *credit* is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what *credit* is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

New Testament Grace (charis) = Undeserved Favor

John 1:17 (NASB)

For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:8-10 (ESV)

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Grace is not just unmerited favor, grace is spiritual empowerment

1 Corinthians 15:10 (ESV)

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

Along with the commission to build, and the power to build, is the promise it will be built

God will not direct you to accomplish something that you can accomplish on your own strength

God will not direct you to accomplish something and then fail to equip you with His power

You know God’s purpose, you have God’s power. The only way you can fail is if you refuse His purpose, or reject His power.