

"And the LORD Spake unto Moses, Saying, 'Command the children of Israel, that they bring unto thee Pure Oil Olive Beaten For The Light, to cause the lamps to burn continually. Without the Veil of the Testimony, in the Tabernacle of the Congregation, shall Aaron order it from the evening unto the morning before the LORD continually: it shall be a Statute for ever in your generations. He shall order the lamps upon the Pure Candlestick before the LORD continually.'" *Leviticus 24:1-4 KJV*

Pure oil "...beaten for the light..." What a Beautiful Picture of our Lord Jesus and the Ministry of the Blessed Holy Spirit! Jesus was beaten and bruised for our iniquities and after He Ascended, the Soothing Oil of the Comforter Flowed Forth From Heaven to give Light to the world through the illumination of the sanctuary of hearts and minds. The gold covered table of obedience showcases the "the Bread of Life," God's Word in the lives of the faithful and the sweet incense of prayer rises continually to the Lord. You don't get the oil of the olive without bruising it. Broken and battered, it yields a pure golden honey that is infinitely useful. It is unique in that, as far as I know, it is the only oil that comes from fruit. It can be eaten, mixed with spices for perfume, with herbs for healing, and burned in lamps for light in the darkness. For the body, it is superior to all other oils. Likewise, the Holy Spirit comes to us as "Oil For Light." Mixed with herbs of study and meditation, He Provides Sustenance And Healing. Mixed with the sweet spices of praise and thanksgiving, He Provides The Fragrance Of Sweet Communion With God! His Light Guides us "into ALL Truth" and Reveals to us the Lord Jesus; "the Word Made Flesh!" As our souls feed in the green pastures of God's Holy Word, broken spirits are made whole again by Its Miraculous Power. Hearts bask in the Glow of Everlasting Love. Men's "Tabernacles" are brightly lit by the Holy Oil of the Spirit of God burning in the sanctuary of their hearts. Sanctuary duties must precede ministry. We must prepare the "Bread of Life" fresh daily on the table of obedience and the "Incense" of prayer must never cease to burn in the "Holy Place" of our soul! "Pray without ceasing." As lovers loathe to part, the Lover of our souls Joys in the constant companionship of our unceasing prayer! "The four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand." Prayer is the perfume of Heaven!



The Holy Oil to us was giv'n,  
Because His precious side was riv'n,  
Illumination for the heart,  
Of souls that seek from sin to part. –CGP

Let's keep the "Golden Candlestick" of Faith polished, and Its Light Shining Brightly With The "Pure Oil" of Truth! Jesus Christ, the "Word Made Flesh," Is At Once "Bread, Comfort, Light, and Joy!" He Is Altogether Lovely!

"Surely He Hath Borne our griefs, and Carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He Was Wounded for our transgressions, He Was Bruised for our iniquities: the Chastisement of our Peace Was Upon Him; and With His Stripes we Are Healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD Hath Laid On Him the iniquity of us all." *Isaiah 53:4-6 KJV*