

Access to God

“And thou shalt command the children of Israel, that they bring thee pure olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamp to burn always”,;Exodus 27 20.

It was an order from God to Moses that Moses should COMMAND the people to bring a pure oil to the Tabernacle that they should not extinguish the lamp of God.

Two points we have to realize here,

1. Moses was still on the mountain with God,
2. That God would be there IN THE Tabernacle is also made clear in verse eight, “And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them”.

Thus, the pureness of the oil was to match God’s pureness.

“In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him”, Ephesians 3:12.

1. ‘In whom we have boldness...’, which, by implication, can only ever be a part of our lives according to the FAITH we profess,
2. ‘...and access with confidence...’, this confidence enables us to enter the Father’s presence because we have His Son standing between us and the Father as our Mediator and Advocate.

Before going any further, I would like to quote an American Presbyterian Pastor, A. T. Pierson who died in 1911, making him one of the early fundamental teachers of the modern world.

“Suppose you had a thousand-acre farm and someone offered to buy it. You agree to sell the land except one acre right in the centre that you want to keep for yourself.

Did you know that in some areas the law would allow you to have access to that one lone spot?

You would have the right to build a road across the surrounding property to get to it”.

The percentage of that one acre in the middle of the one thousand acres is just .001 percent.

If we, as Christians, do not surrender 100 per cent to God, the devil will take advantage of that uncommitted area of our lives.

Therefore our FAITH, which I like to teach as Forsaking All I’ll Take Him literally means ‘ALL’.

If we now take one olive as having an imperfection in the midst of one thousand olives, it would not be acceptable for a light in God's House. Where, dear reader, does that put many of the churches today with their watered down messages in an attempt to keep their numbers?

If we now take just .001 percent of sin in our lives, it will hinder us, and dim the light of our testimony before God. Where, dear reader, does that put many of us if we do not seek God's Forgiveness?

The pure oil signified the gifts and graces of the Spirit, which all believers receive from Christ, and without that input from the Lord, our light cannot shine.

While the church epitomizes what should be God's tabernacle upon this earth, Peter, with his understanding of what the Lord had taught, wrote to the converted Jews, to set before them the way to God was now by faith, not the Law.

"Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me", 2 Peter 1:13-14.