# Exodus 40:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

> And he lighted the lamps before the LORD; as the LORD commanded Moses.

## Analysis

'He lighted the lamps before the LORD' (וַיַּעַל הַנֵּרֹת לִפְנֵי יְהוָה, vaya'al haNeirot lifnei YHWH)—the Hebrew עָלָה (alah, caused to ascend/burn) means trimmed wicks and filled with oil so flames ascend properly. The lamps burned continually (Exodus 27:20-21), requiring daily tending—sustained light demands ongoing maintenance. This prefigures believers as lights (Matthew 5:14-16) needing Spirit-oil refilling. The phrase 'before the LORD' teaches that illumination's purpose is God's glory, not merely human benefit. The 5th 'as the LORD commanded Moses' maintains obedience emphasis.

## Historical Context

The seven-branched lampstand's daily tending (morning and evening) established priestly routine. The pure beaten olive oil's preparation required significant labor, teaching that sustained spiritual light comes at cost. The Holy Place's windowless design meant the lampstand provided the only illumination.

## Related Passages

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

1. How does daily lamp tending illustrate that sustained spiritual light requires consistent spiritual disciplines?
2. What does believers being lights needing Spirit-oil refilling teach about dependence on divine empowerment?

## Interlinear Text

| וַיַּ֫עַל | הַנֵּרֹ֫ת | לִפְנֵ֫י | יְהֹוָה | כַּאֲשֶׁ֫ר | צִוָּ֫ה |
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| **And he lighted** | **the lamps** | **before** | **as the LORD** | H834 | **commanded** |
| H5927 | H5216 | H6440 | H3068 | | H6680 |

| יְהֹוָה | אֶת | מֹשֶׁה: |
|---|---|---|
| **as the LORD** | H853 | **Moses** |
| H3068 | | H4872 |

## Additional Cross-References

**Exodus 40:4** (Light): And thou shalt bring in the table, and set in order the things that are to be set in order upon it; and thou shalt bring in the candlestick, and light the lamps thereof.

**Exodus 25:37** (Light): And thou shalt make the seven lamps thereof: and they shall light the lamps thereof, that they may give light over against it.