

# Numbers 8:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Speak unto Aaron, and say unto him, When thou lightest the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light over against the candlestick.

## Analysis

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The specific instruction that the seven lamps give light toward the front of the lampstand indicates purposeful illumination, not random scattering of light. God's truth is not chaotic but ordered, not diffused but focused. The lampstand's design, with branches extending from a central shaft, suggests that all truth radiates from a central source. Christ declared Himself the Light of the World, the central truth from which all other truth derives meaning. The Reformed emphasis on the centrality of Christ applies here—He is the trunk from which all branches of truth extend.

## Historical Context

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The lampstand was crafted according to the pattern shown to Moses on Mount Sinai, hammered from a single piece of pure gold. Its design was divinely revealed, not humanly invented. The almond flower decorations symbolized life and resurrection. Aaron's maintaining the lamps according to divine instruction preserved the worship pattern God had established.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does focused, purposeful illumination differ from general religious sentiments?
2. What does the lampstand's unified structure teach about the unity of truth?
3. In what ways does all truth find its center and meaning in Christ?

## Interlinear Text

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דַּבֵּר	אֶל	אֶהָרִן	וְאָמַרְתָּ	אֵלָיו	בְּהִשָּׁלֹתְךָ	אֹתוֹ
<b>Speak</b>	H413	<b>unto Aaron</b>	<b>and say</b>	H413	<b>unto him When thou lightest</b>	H853
H1696		H175	H559		H5927	
הַנִּירֹת:	אֶל	מִזֵּל	פָּנָיו	הַמְנוּכָה	וְאֵלֵיוֹ	שִׁבְעַת
<b>lamps</b>	H413	H4136	<b>over against</b>	<b>the candlestick</b>	<b>shall give light</b>	<b>the seven</b>
H5216			H6440	H4501	H215	H7651

הַנִּירֹת:

**lamps**

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## Additional Cross-References

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**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.