Exodus 25:23-30

3 Messages From The Tabernacle's Table of Bread



Context/Background

- Soon after liberation from Egypt, Moses given special instructions at Mt. Sinai
- Moses given picture and instructions for building a movable worship complex; called The Tabernacle
- Whole complex designed to teach people how to know, relate to, and worship God
- Complex had furnishings and worship structure
- Tabernacle "Tent" Structure; 2 parts, Holy Place and Most Holy Place

Quality Of The Elements Of The Table

- (Ex. 25:23-25 & Lev. 24:5-7) Construction of Tabernacle furnishings; from God Himself and specific
- Quality of Table/Bread speaks of quality of God's care/provision
- Table: (3 ft. long, 1 ½ ft. wide, 2 ft. 3 in. high)
- Made from Acacia wood covered with pure gold, 4 golden rings at corners (4 acacia wood poles covered with gold inserted to move), gold plates, utensils, spoon-like holders which used to offer frankincense
- 12 loaves made from finest flour, very large

• Ps. 23:5, "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over."

• Phils. 4:19, "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."



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Foreshadowing Of Jesus The Messiah

- (Ex. 25:26-28 & Lev. 24:8) As with other furnishings, Table of Shewbread points to Jesus
- (NT is in OT concealed, the OT is in NT revealed)
- Discover full meaning here, from John 6:35, Jesus said, "....I am the Bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger..."
- Greatest provision of all is Jesus; especially provision for salvation and eternal life
- Bread pointed to eternal life, abundance, and provision for living now and forever through relationship with Jesus

 John 10:10-11, "...I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd give His life for the sheep."

• John 6:51, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever;..."



Knowing & Applying The Communication Through The Table

- (Ex. 24:29-30 & Lev. 24:9), The meaning of the Table conveyed to Moses/Israel; also to all people
- God's provision in part is the Bible; God provides for His people and church through the Holy Scriptures
- In order to be spiritually healthy, must have steady in-take of God's word; knowing and applying
- Table; reminder of importance of growing in God's Word

 Matt. 4:4, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."

 Ps. 119:1, "Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord!"

