

## ***The Table for the Showbread***

**Exodus 25:23-30**

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### Main Point:

The table and its bread signified to the Israelites that they are, and always will be, in fellowship with God by virtue of a priestly mediator. As a believer, the same is true for you as well, so be thankful and enjoy the fellowship you have with God in Christ.

1. Inside the Holy Place sat a golden table with bread on it.
2. The table and its bread signified to the Israelites that they are in fellowship with God.
3. The table and its bread signified to the Israelites that they will always be in fellowship with God.
4. The table and its bread signified to the Israelites that they are only in fellowship with God by virtue of a priestly mediator.
5. We too are, and always will be, in fellowship with God because of a Priestly Mediator. Be thankful and enjoy it!

**Leviticus 24:5-8** <sup>5</sup> "And you shall take fine flour and bake twelve cakes with it. Two-tenths *of an ephah* shall be in each cake. <sup>6</sup> "You shall set them in two rows, six in a row, on the pure *gold* table before the LORD. <sup>7</sup> "And you shall put pure frankincense on *each* row, that it may be on the bread for a memorial, an offering made by fire to the LORD. <sup>8</sup> "Every Sabbath he shall set it in order before the LORD continually, *being taken* from the children of Israel by an everlasting covenant. (NKJV)

**Exodus 24:9-11** <sup>9</sup> Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, <sup>10</sup> and they saw the God of Israel. And *there was* under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in *its* clarity. <sup>11</sup> But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. So they saw God, and they ate and drank. (NKJV)

**Isaiah 25:6** <sup>6</sup> And in this mountain The LORD of hosts will make for all people A feast of choice pieces, A feast of wines on the lees, Of fat things full of marrow, Of well-refined wines on the lees. (NKJV)

**Psalms 63:5** <sup>5</sup> My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, And my mouth shall praise *You* with joyful lips. (NKJV)

**A.W. Pink** "All of God's covenant people have an equal standing before Him, and an equal nearness to Him."

**Numbers 4:7** <sup>7</sup> "On the table of showbread they shall spread a blue cloth, and put on it the dishes, the pans, the bowls, and the pitchers for pouring; and the showbread shall be on it. (NKJV)

**Daniel Hyde** "This is a wonderful picture of the care of God for His people. Just as He kept the bread and utensils from falling away, so He keeps His people, symbolized by the bread, ever before His presence. God is always exerting His preserving power over His people, who are bound by nature to fall away from Him."

**1 Peter 3:18a** <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God ... (NKJV)

### The Table for the Bread of the Presence

The wooden table, overlaid with pure gold (Ex. 25:23–30; 37:10–16), was 3 feet long, 1.5 feet wide, and 2.25 feet high (1 m x 0.5 m x 0.7 m). It held the 12 loaves (Lev. 24:5–9) of the bread of the Presence, which were holy (1 Sam. 21:4). Wooden poles, overlaid with gold, were inserted through the rings of the table when the table was transported.



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