

Sanctuary Studies

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The Table of Shewbread - Lesson 5

◆ This lesson will cover the basic observations of the Table of Shewbread, then we will seek to learn spiritual lessons. It is important to prayerfully ask God to help you understand each lesson He would teach. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you make application to the heart.

1. What material was this table made from? **Exodus 25:23**
2. What material was it overlaid with? **Exodus 25:24**
3. What did they install and use to transport this? **Exodus 25:26,27**
4. When transporting the table, what color table cloths were put on this table? **Numbers 4:7**
5. How often was this table to be set before the Lord? **Exodus 25:30**
6. Where was the table located in the tabernacle? **Exodus 26:35 & 40:22**
7. Was there anything on the table? **Exodus 40:4**
8. What were those things? **Exodus 25:29 & 37:16**
9. What details are there about the bread? **Leviticus 24:5-7**
10. What happened each Sabbath with the bread? **Leviticus 24:8,9**
11. Who were in charge of preparing this bread? **1 Chronicles 9:32**

* *The showbread was kept ever before the Lord as a perpetual offering. Thus it was a part of the daily sacrifice. It was called showbread, or "bread of the presence," because it was ever before the face of the Lord. **It was an acknowledgment of man's dependence upon God for both temporal and spiritual food, and that it is received only through the mediation of Christ.** God had fed Israel in the wilderness with bread from heaven, and they were still dependent upon His bounty, both for temporal food and spiritual blessings. **Both the manna and the showbread pointed to Christ, the living Bread, who is ever in the presence of God for us.** He Himself said, "I am the living Bread which came down from heaven." John 6:48-51. Frankincense was placed upon the loaves. When the bread was removed every Sabbath, to be replaced by fresh loaves, the frankincense was burned upon the altar as a memorial before God. {PP 354}*

12. What does Paul say in regard to the "Lord's Table"? **1 Corinthians 10:20, 21**

* *Seek first to know God before any other thing. Search the Scriptures. Feed on the words of Christ, which are spirit and life, and your knowledge will enlarge and expand. Study your Bible. Study not the philosophy contained in many books, but study the philosophy of the Word of the living God. Other literature is of little consequence when compared with this. Do not crowd into your minds so many things that are cheap and unsatisfying. **In the Word of God is spread before you the richest banquet. It is the Lord's table, abundantly provided, whereof you may eat and be satisfied.** {TMK 201}*

13. What does Christ teach about the Shewbread and the Sabbath? **1 Samuel 21:1-7, Matthew 12:1-8**

* *See Desire of Ages p.285*

14. What should we pray for on a daily basis? **Matthew 6:11**

* *See also Thoughts on the Mount of Blessing p. 211-213*