

Better Than Sliced Bread

EXODUS 25:23-30

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God
Dwells
WITH US

The Background of Bread in the Ancient Near East

A staple of survival

A symbol of relationship

The Significance of Bread in the Tabernacle (Ex 25:23-30; Lev 24:5-9)

The Presence of God

Required as an _____ to God

"And you shall put pure frankincense on each pile, that it may go with the bread as a memorial portion as a food offering to the Lord." Leviticus 24:7

The Provision of God

Reflection of the _____ of God

"And it shall be for Aaron and his sons, and they shall eat it in a holy place, since it is for him a most holy portion out of the Lord's food offerings, a perpetual due." Leviticus 24:9

The Promise of God

Reminder of the _____ with God

"Every Sabbath day Aaron shall arrange it before the Lord regularly; it is from the people of Israel as a covenant forever." Leviticus 24:8

The Meaning of Bread in the Life of Jesus Christ (John 6:29-59)

God's presence: Not just near, but now accessible - _____

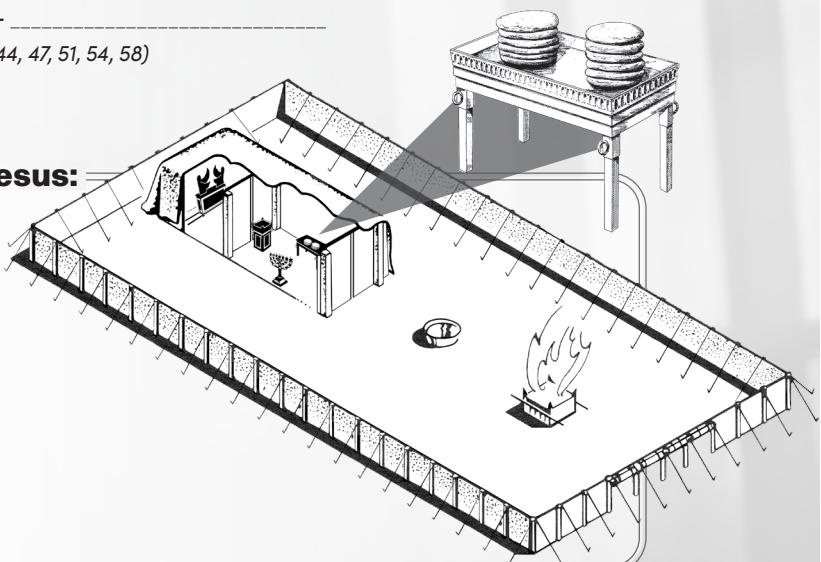
"I am the living bread that came down from heaven." (vv. 32, 33, 38, 41, 50, 51, 58)

God's provision: Not just symbolic, but now personal - _____

"And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." (vv. 33, 35, 47, 51)

God's promise: Not just life now, but life forever - _____

"Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." (vv. 39, 40, 44, 47, 51, 54, 58)



The Invitation to the Table by Jesus: "Come and Eat"

_____ to Him

_____ on Him

_____ in Him

HOME GROUP Lesson + Devotional

1. Read Exodus 25:23-30 and Leviticus 24:5-9, and review your sermon notes. What was the purpose of the Table of Showbread? What does it say about God?

2. Why would God want the bread to be set before Him at all times?

3. Why were there 12 cakes of bread? The cakes were all to be the same quality, size and weight. What meaning could be behind this instruction?

4. Read 1 Chronicles 9:32. The bread was placed in the tabernacle on the Sabbath. As they were replaced with fresh bread each week, the priests were commanded to eat the replaced bread inside the Holy Place. What would be the significance behind doing this?

5. Read John 6:22-59. In what ways does the Bread of the Presence in the Tabernacle foreshadow Jesus?

6. The Hebrew word used for this bread is *challoth*, which indicates they were "perforated" cakes. What additional insight does this description give you?

7. How did this sermon encourage you to take the message of the Bread of Life to a spiritually hungry world?

8. What other insights did you glean from this sermon? How will you apply them?

HELPFUL Quotes

The Old Testament showbread placed on the table in the tabernacle provides a wonderful picture of Jesus, the Bread of Life. Jesus is holy before God, He provides true sustenance, and He is always present. "Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry'" (Jn 6:35). One other New Testament reference, Hebrews 9:1-2, mentions the table of showbread as one of the items in the first section of the tabernacle. Also included in that place was the lampstand. Verse 15 notes, "Therefore [Jesus] is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance." The context explains that the important aspects of the Jewish law were no longer necessary since Christ has become high priest once and for all. - GotQuestions.org

In 1 Corinthians 10 we are also taught that the "table" is inseparably connected with communion ... The "Lord's table" is the symbol of fellowship with Christ - Arthur Pink

The bread was called the bread of the Presence (KJV, "showbread") because it was placed in God's presence (before Me). This table, with its 12 loaves which perhaps represented the 12 tribes of Israel, pictured the fellowship and communion of God with His people. The priests' eating of the bread (Lev 24:9) demonstrated that spiritual fellowship supports spiritual life. - John Hannah

YOUR NEXT STEP AT Christ Chapel



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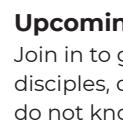
Together in Prayer

We want to pray with and for you this week as we go to God together.



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Be a part of what God is doing near and far by giving to local and global ministry partners.



Upcoming Events

Join in to grow your faith, make disciples, and reach those who do not know or walk with Jesus.



A WONDERFUL Offer

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Admit that you're a sinner, separated from a holy and perfect God.
(Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Understand that the penalty for your sin is death – eternal separation from God and all that is good.
(Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Believe that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and conquered death by rising from the dead.
(Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior from sin and death and your provider of true and eternal life.
(Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in him alone as the only way to be reconciled to you. Thank you for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.



We'd love to know about your decision. Scan the QR code to learn more about following Jesus!