

The Table of the Bread of the Presence & The Lampstand

Exodus 25:8 And let them make a **sanctuary for Me** that I may dwell in their midst.

I. The Table of the Bread of the Presence

Exo. 25:23 And you shall make a table of acacia wood: two cubits shall be its length, and a cubit its width, and one and a half cubits its height.

Exo. 25:30 And you shall set the bread of the Presence upon the table before Me always.

2 Cor. 2:10 But whom you forgive anything, I also forgive; for also what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, [it is] for your sake in the person of Christ.

II. The Lampstand

Exo. 25:31 And you shall make a lampstand of pure gold. The lampstand [with] its base and its shaft shall be made of beaten work; its cups, its calyxes, and its blossom buds shall be of [one piece with] it.

Exo. 25:37 And you shall make its lamps, seven; and set up its lamps to give light to the area in front of it.

Rev. 1:11-12 Saying, What you see write in a scroll and send [it] to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamos and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea. 12 And I turned to see the voice that spoke with me; and when I turned, I saw seven golden lampstands,

Eph. 2:21 In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord.

III. Shining in our Meeting Together

1 Cor. 14:23-26 If therefore the whole church comes together in one place, and all speak in tongues, and some unlearned [in tongues] or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are insane? 24 But if all prophesy and some unbeliever or unlearned person enters, he is convicted by all, he is examined by all; 25 The secrets of his heart become manifest; and so falling on [his] face, he will worship God, declaring that indeed God is among you. 26 What then, brothers? Whenever you come together, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the difference between eating the manna and eating the bread of the presence?
2. How can we eat of the bread of the presence in our experience? Do you have any experiences that can be shared?
3. What does the golden lampstand signify?
4. How can we make our gatherings full of God's light?