

“Giving Thanks Around a Table in the Presence of the LORD”

What is the primary message of the Tabernacle? What important truth does this passage teach us about God and the *blessings or benefits* of salvation?

Exodus 25-40

The Instructions given for the Tabernacle by God (chs. 25-31)

The Covenant Broken, then in Mercy Renewed (32-34)

The Construction of the Tabernacle according to God’s plan (35-40)

✦ *Do we dare to imagine that we might have fellowship with God Himself?*

The Lord reveals to Moses instructions for His dwelling among His people (25-31)

- ✦ A tripartite structure
- ✦ A mobile sanctuary
- ✦ Protective boundaries

- † What love and mercy for the Lord God to call a people to Himself, redeem them and dwell among them!

- ✦ God begins with the most holy things, from the inside out

The Table for the Bread of Presence (25:23-25)

- the materials
- the dimensions
- the rim

- ▶ *WHY IS THIS SO IMPORTANT?*

- † Do we hold God’s presence with us as a tremendous truth?
- † Do we recognize our communion with the Lord?
- † Do we long to feast in the house of the Lord?

The Accouterments for the Table (vv. 26-29)

- 4 rings and 2 poles
- setting the table
- made of pure gold

- ▶ *WHAT IS BEING COMMUNICATED HERE?*

† What an honor to come to the table of The King!

The bread of the Presence (v. 30)

- ✦ Leviticus 24:5-9
- ✦ 12 loaves before the LORD
- ✦ Each Sabbath new bread was brought in and offered to the LORD
- ✦ Each Sabbath the priests ate in God's house

- ▶ This is *NOT* food *for* God! (See Ps. 50:12-15; Acts 17:25)
- ▶ We are dependent upon Him, we pray that He would provide for us (*e.g.* Mt. 6:11).

† Do you comprehend how dependent we are on God's providential care? How do you acknowledge that reality? Will you testify to His goodness and trust Him in times of want?

† Do you see how amazing it is to be invited in to fellowship with the Living God?

† **Do you understand how much we need the Bread of Life?!**

Ex. 37:10-16 The blueprint followed exactly

Do you see how Jesus invites you to feast in the Father's House?

*Have you experienced God's grace (His undeserved favor) and love
at the communion table?*

What difference does it make that you can give thanks and eat at the King's Table?

*“The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me;
to the one who orders his way rightly
I will show the salvation of God!”
(Ps. 50:23 ESV)*