

Tabernacle Treasures – The Table of Shewbread – Provision – Exo. 25:23-30 & Lev. 24:5-9

As we have been studying, **the Tabernacle had 3 basic divisions: The Outer Court (94%), the Inner Court (The Holy Place, 4%), and the Holiest Place (The Holy of Holies, 2%).** The Outer Court had natural light coming in, but the Holy Place is enclosed by a curtain, and needed some type of light. The only way the priests could see anything inside the Holy Place was because of the light shining from the **Golden Candlestick**, which represents **Perception**. Only the believer can enter into light and fellowship and communion with God. Tonight, we are looking over to the other side of the Holy Place to see the **Table of Shewbread**, which represents **Provision**.

1. The Setting of the Loaves – Lev. 24:6

The 12 loaves were set 6 to a row to accommodate the size of the table, which was only 3 feet long by 18 inches wide. Why didn't God just command the Table to be bigger to accommodate the 12 loaves since the Holy Place was 30 feet long? Because the Law was *a shadow of good things to come* (Heb. 10:1a) and everything was a picture for us. What exactly does the bread represent? 12 loaves for the 12 tribes of Israel, representing it is for whosoever will? That sounds pretty good! Does it simply just represent Jesus as the Bread of Life? The 12 loaves were set 6 to a row in 2 rows: 6 by 6 = 66. The bread represents the completed Word of God contained in the 66 books of the Bible! Mat. 4:4. Long before Moses ever penned the first word of Genesis, God told him to put 66 on the table! And now we have the completed Word of God, 1 Cor. 13:10. AMEN! Psa. 119:89; 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:21. And that Light shines down on that Word, 1 Cor. 2:14, and begins showing you things you've never seen before!

2. The Sweetness in the Loaves – Lev. 24:7

Which Bible? Frankincense would give the bread a very pleasant odor! The one that smells right! Pure frankincense. The one that's pure. Prov. 30:5; Psa. 12:6-7. This BOOK is pure, its infallible, its inerrant. I'm talking about none other than the King James Bible! It will taste sweet to those who are born again, and we will be able to proclaim Psa. 34:8. The Bible isn't sweet in the USA anymore – there is a famine *of hearing the words of the LORD* (Amos 8:11). The wise men brought frankincense as one of the gifts to the incarnate Word (Mat. 2:11), so God commanded that pure frankincense would be placed upon what represented the written Word! Num. 4:1-15 (emphasize verses 7-8). The bread was the only thing covered with a *cloth of scarlet*! Thank God our Bible was baptized in blood!

3. The Switching of the Loaves – Lev. 24:8

Every sabbath. Now today we worship on the Lord's Day, Sunday, not on the Sabbath Day (Saturday). I love Sunday dinner. Many times, the most prepared meal of the week is Sunday dinner. The Pastor does the same thing, spiritually speaking. He has prepared a meal for you to eat through reading, studying, praying, laboring, and made sure the meal was going to be good! Thank God for the pure, fresh bread on Sundays that I've received in my Christian life!

4. The Supping on the Loaves – Lev. 24:9

This bread was eaten every day – Sunday dinner wasn't enough to last all week long. Give us this day our daily bread! Too many Christians are trying to make it on moldy, expired bread, and have no power on their witness and testimony because it has lost its sweetness. Too much time has been spent on everything else instead of time in the Word of God! Josh. 1:8. HAVE YE NOT READ? The bread was given to be eaten. There weren't any other fancies on the table, such as salads, appetizers, and dessert. The bread wasn't a side dish, it was the main course! The Word of God must be kept the main thing in the Holy Place!