

## Worship His Way – The Table

### The Tabernacle

- Tabernacle = temporary, humble = Jesus' first coming
- Temple = more permanent, Extravagant = Jesus' return in glory

### We currently worship in a tabernacle in heaven

- **Hebrews 8:1-2** Now *this is* the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, <sup>2</sup> a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.
- **Hebrews 9:1-2** Then indeed, even the first *covenant* had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary. <sup>2</sup> For a tabernacle was prepared: the first *part*, in which *was* the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary;
- **Hebrews 9:6** Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing *the services*.
- **Hebrews 9:8-9a** the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing. <sup>9</sup> It *was* symbolic for the present time...
- **Hebrews 9:11** But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.

### Recap

- The Altar – The blood of Christ. Remove sin and sin-consciousness
- The Laver – Washes off the filth of the world with God's Word. Sanctification.

The Outer Court dealt with judgement and sin – preparing us for the Inner Court.

### **The Inner Court**

The Inner Court is fellowship with God. It is His presence, but not His manifest presence. Only priests were allowed into the inner court.

### **Table of Shewbread**

**Exodus 25:23-30** “You shall also make a table of acacia wood; two cubits *shall be* its length, a cubit its width, and a cubit and a half its height. <sup>24</sup> And you shall overlay it with pure gold, and make a molding of gold all around. <sup>25</sup> You shall make for it a frame of a handbreadth all around, and you shall make a gold molding for the frame all around. <sup>26</sup> And you shall make for it four rings of gold, and put the rings on the four corners that *are* at its four legs. <sup>27</sup> The rings shall be close to the frame, as holders for the poles to bear the table. <sup>28</sup> And you shall make the poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold, that the table may be carried with them. <sup>29</sup> You shall make its dishes, its pans, its pitchers, and its bowls for pouring. You shall make them of pure gold. <sup>30</sup> And you shall set the showbread on the table before Me always.

- 3ft x 1.5ft Acacia wood overlaid with Gold = man + Purity (Jesus)
- The table of shewbread is 12 loaves of freshly baked bread arranged into 2 rows of six.
  - Each loaf was about 11 pounds
  - 12 represents 2 things – 12 tribes of Israel and all of humankind.

### **Showbread = Bread of Presence**

- The priests replaced it every Sabbath. Once a week.
  - No stale bread
  - We don't want to rely on old experiences with Jesus.
- No bread ever left the Holy Place. The Priests consumed it.
- When we take communion, the first part is the blood of Christ. That is receiving His forgiveness. As we receive His blood, we receive His forgiveness.

- The second part is eating the bread. This is actually taking the life of Christ in us. As we eat His body, the life of Christ comes into us.
- Represents fellowship. Communion.
- **Revelation 3:20** Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

### **How do we receive His life?**

- **John 6:32-33** Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."
  - The true bread comes from Heaven. It is a supernatural life. It is not of this world.
  - The life of Christ in us will not produce anything that looks like the world.
  - But it gives life to the world. We get true life from Christ.
  - His presence in us gives us real life. Which means life apart from Him is a false life.
  - When we do not understand who we are in Christ, we have a false self.
    - Sometimes we call this acting in the flesh.
    - Sometimes we call this coping mechanisms.

This sounds good to the people, so they respond by saying:

- **John 6:34** Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always."

### **Jesus then says:**

- **John 6:35** And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

- Jesus plainly says He is the bread.

### **How do we take in Jesus as the bread? Belief**

- **John 6:28-29** Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."
  - Belief is our main and only actual work.
  - Anything that is work beyond that is supposed to be Jesus'. When we do work, whether ministry, spiritual disciplines, whatever – it should be His life in us working. Not us working. This is resting in Christ.
- **John 6:35-36** And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. <sup>36</sup> But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe.
  - It was lack of belief that Jesus pointed out, That's why they were not getting the Bread of Life they said they wanted.
- **John 6:47-51** Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. <sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup> Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. <sup>50</sup> This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."
  - Life = connection with God
- **John 6:64** But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him.

**Jesus as the Bread of Life is really Jesus in us.**

- **Colossians 1:27** To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

What does it mean Christ in you?

**Galatians 2:20** I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

- This is about surrender
- It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me
- My decisions are not mine to make anymore
- My life is not mine to live
- My goals are not mine to set

I am choosing to lay down my life and allow Christ to live in me. This is full surrender.

- **Luke 9:23** Then He said to *them* all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

**It is at the table of showbread that the will is dealt with.**

- Why bread?
  - Bread represents our will. It is our life.
  - When bread is made, we grind wheat into flour. This represents submission of our will to God.
    - **John 4:34** Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.
    - **Luke 22:42** saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."
  - The next step is to put the bread into the fire

- **1 Peter 1:7** that the genuineness of your faith, *being* much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,
  - We have to learn to be submissive.
- Our will is our chooser. God constantly places choices before us
- **John 5:30** I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me. – We must submit our will daily.

The Table of Showbread is us choosing to take Christ's life into us. That we submit our own will, and do the will of the Father – through the empowerment of Christ.

**When we come into the presence of God there is no place for our will. It is Your Kingdom come. Your will be done.**

Choosing to believe in Christ, and His work is the necessary step here at the table.

Resting in Christ should be our position for coming into His presence

- **Hebrews 4:9-10** There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. <sup>10</sup> For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God *did* from His.