

Communion**Table of Showbread****Exodus 25:23-30**

The Priests are the only ones allowed in the “Holy Place”. Contrasted from the courtyard, the environment here is quiet and intimate. Through the door there is a short table to the right made of acacia wood and overlaid with pure gold, called the Table of Showbread, with 12 loaves of unleavened bread.

(Acacia – Purity) ²⁶ For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a High Priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Hebrews 7:26

(Gold – Deity) ¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. Colossians 1:15-17

(Bread) ³³ “For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴ They said to Him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” ³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the Bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst. John 6:33-35

Gathering at the table brings a close intimate connection, the Groom and His Bride, in order to achieve Unity. We practice this in Communion.

(Unity) ³¹ “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. Ephesians 5:31-32

(Communion) ¹⁶ The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ Because there is one Bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one Bread. 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Jesus communes with us by example.

²⁶ Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” ²⁷ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸ for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Matthew 26: 26-28

The Holy Spirit**Golden Lampstand****Exodus 25:31-40**

The Golden Lampstand is situated to the left, directly across from the Table of Showbread. It is the only light in the room and is tended twice a day by the priests, morning and evening. It had a main stem with 6 branches coming off of it, making 7 lamps. Each branch had 9 parts shaped like an almond tree, 3 buds, 3 flowers, and 3 fruits.

(Light) ¹² Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the Light of life.” John 8:12

⁸ for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light Ephesians 5:8

(Seven Lamps) There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from His roots shall bear fruit.² And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. Isaiah 11:1-2

⁵ From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven Spirits of God Revelation 4:5

(Nine segments) ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23

⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as He wills. 1 Corinthians 12:7-11

Jesus shines by example

⁴¹ And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, ⁴² saying, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from Me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.” ⁴³ And there appeared to Him an angel from heaven, strengthening Him. Luke 22:39-43

⁴ Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to Him, came forward and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” ⁵ They answered Him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am HE (YHVH).” Judas, who betrayed Him, was standing with them. ⁶ When Jesus said to them, “I am HE (YHVH),” they drew back and fell to the ground. John 18:4-6

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| Intercession | Altar of Incense | Exodus 30:1-10, 35-37 |
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The Altar of Incense is directly in front of the veil that separates the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies. The incense upon it, being a very specific blend and never to be replicated for any other reason, was burned twice a day when the priests would tend to the Lampstand.

(Incense) ² *Let my prayer be counted as incense before You, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!* Psalms 141:2

(Continual) ¹¹ *Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.* ¹² *Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.* Romans 12:11-12

(Burning) ¹⁶ *John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but He who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of Whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.* Luke 3:16

Jesus intercedes for us by His example

³³ *And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left.* ³⁴ *And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."* Luke 23:33-34

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| Manifest Presence | Ark of the Covenant | Exodus 25:10-22 |
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The Ark of the Covenant is inside the Holy of Holies separated by a veil. The High Priest only entered once a year. When Jesus gave His life the veil was ripped from top to bottom.

¹⁹ *Therefore, brothers since we have confidence to enter the Holy Places by the blood of Jesus,* ²⁰ *by the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain, that is, through His flesh,* ²¹ *and since we have a Great Priest over the house of God,* ²² *let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.* Hebrews 10:19-22

Jesus has lead us in by His example, our response is to open ourselves to the Spirit's indwelling.

The evidence is fire from Heaven.

² *And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.* ³ *And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.* ⁴ *And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.* Acts 2:2-4



The Way of Worship

Pt. 2

Colossians 3:1-17

Who are you?

Raised with Christ - **vs. 1**

- Heart is set on things above
- Put to death earthly things

God's chosen people - **vs. 12**

- Holy and dearly loved
- Clothe yourself in virtue

Members of one Body - **vs. 15**

- Peace of Christ rules, Message of Christ dwells
- All we do is for the glory of Jesus's Name

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| Worshippers and Priests | Purposeful in Ministry |
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The aspects of the courtyard are ministry to us. We enter the Door with thanksgiving and praise, the Altar is sacrifice and submission, and the Basin sanctifies and cleanses us.

This is preparing us to enter the "Holy Place," in order to minister to God.