

EXODUS Lesson 25

Exodus Chapter 25

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Memory verses for this week: Philemon 1:5 Hearing of thy love and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all saints; Phm 1:6 That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

Introduction: In last week's lesson, we studied about the ratification of the covenant as the Jews agreed to obey God's Laws and commandments. They prepared an altar and half the blood was sprinkled on the altar and the other half on the people. This week we begin our study on the creation of the tabernacle and how it pictures Christ and his work. We begin with the offering for the tabernacle.

Heb 9:1 Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary.

Heb 9:2 For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary.

Heb 9:3 And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all;

I. The Offering for the Tabernacle

Exo 25:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Exo 25:2 Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering.

We begin this week's lesson with the manner of the offering. It was an offering ordained of God. We know God could have created the Tabernacle, but He did not. He blessed His people by allowing them to give and build. As Christians, we have the same privilege in giving and labouring to build His local church.

Only Israel was to participate in the offering. They gave so much that Moses had to ask them to stop.

Exo 36:6 And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So the people were restrained from bringing.

Exo 36:7 For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much.

Wouldn't it be great if we were such givers to the Lord that we had to be asked to stop our giving? These people had a desire for the things of God. Their gift was to be given willingly from the heart. It was not a tax. We can only give what God

has provided us to give.

1 Chron. 29:14, But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

2Co 9:6 But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

2Co 9:7 *Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.*

2Co 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

Exo 25:3 And this is the offering which ye shall take of them; gold, and silver, and brass,

Exo 25:4 And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair,

Exo 25:5 And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood,

Exo 25:6 Oil for the light, spices for anointing oil, and for sweet incense,

Exo 25:7 Onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod, and in the breastplate.

Exo 25:8 And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.

Note the fourteen materials that were to be taken for the offering mentioned here in verses 3 - 7. These materials and their typical meaning is very important in the study of the Tabernacle. There are 14 items mentioned which is God's number of perfection doubled. Two is the number of witness.

In verse 3, the gold speaks of deity manifested and is a type of Christ. It is estimated that a ton of Gold and three tons of silver were used in the Tabernacle. They got this wealth spoiling the Egyptians just prior to their exodus out of Egypt. We studied this several weeks ago over in Chapter 12.

Exo 12:35 And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment:

Exo 12:36 And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required. And they spoiled the Egyptians.

Silver speaks of redemption.

1Pe 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

1Pe 1:19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

Brass speaks of judgment.

Num 21:6 And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died.

Num 21:7 Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have

spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people.

Num 21:8 And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.

Num 21:9 And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

John 3:14-15 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

In verse 4, the blue speaks of that which is heavenly in nature or origin. The purple speaks of royalty, the color worn by Easter kings. And the scarlet speaks of sacrificial blood. The color was the extract of a worm. These words of course are about Christ.

Psa. 22:6, But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people.

The fine linen speaks of spotless righteousness.

Rev. 19:8, And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

Goat's hair speaks of Christ as the sin bearer.

Lev 16:5 And he shall take of the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering.

The ram's skin dyed red speaks of the devotion of Christ. A ram was used as the sacrifice of consecration in consecrating the priests. The badger's skins speak of Christ in His humiliation.

Isa. 53:2, For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

The badgers' skin was used to make the outer covering of the Tabernacle and they made shoes out of badger skins. Evidently this was a different animal than our badgers. In our teachings on the tabernacle, Bro. Bryant has repeatedly pointed out that the outside of the tabernacle, the part you could see on the outside, wasn't that much to look upon. But when you got to the inside, that was where the beauty lied. Much the same as our salvation. To just look upon it, there does not seem to be a lot to be desired. Oh but to be saved, you find the

beauty in it all. We have joy and peace that is beyond understanding.

In verse 5, the shittim wood (acacia) speaks of the humanity of Christ.

The oil was for the light was a type of the Holy Spirit. Spices for anointing oil, and for sweet incense were to be brought. This speaks of sweetness, the preciousness and fragrance of the pure spotless life of our Saviour. Verse 7 goes on to speak of the onyx stones, and stones for the ephod and breastplate. These speak of the glory of Christ, the glory which He had with the Father.

John 17:5, And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

They were to manage the offering. It was to be used to make a sanctuary for the Lord. God promised that he would dwell among them.

Exo 25:9 According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.

Note that the tabernacle was to be made according to God's pattern. Moses and the people were not free to just make it anyway they desired, but they were to make it according to the pattern laid out. Today many make the church into whatever pattern seems to make good sense for them. The bible is rather specific in how we are to do things, and most importantly, there are to be all done decently and in order. This certainly excludes many of the things we see going on which are really about entertainment rather than worship of God.

*1Co 14:40 Let all things be done **decently** and in order.*

II. The Ark for the Tabernacle

Exo 25:10 And they shall make an ark of shittim wood: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.

Exo 25:11 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, within and without shalt thou overlay it, and shalt make upon it a crown of gold round about.

Instead of beginning with the Tabernacle itself, the Lord begins with the furniture. The first piece was the ark of the covenant and the mercy seat which were kept in the Holy of Holies.

There are 3 arks in the Bible.

(1) Noah's ark, pitched within and without which speaks of atonement.

(2) Moses' ark of bulrushes which was also pitched.

(3) The golden ark of the Tabernacle which was sprinkled with the blood

(atonement).

All 3 were intended to protect their precious contents. God had a plan for the Tabernacle and all of the furniture. They could not deviate from it. God has a plan today for building His local churches. We dare not deviate from it.

God gave them specific directions for the ark of the covenant. The ark was one of the most important pieces of furniture in the Tabernacle and was a type of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Heb. 6:18-20 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

Heb 9:4-5 Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.

Heb. 9:11-14 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

In Hebrews 6, I personally think the two immutable things about God refer to his nature and His Word. Neither of these will ever change. Others believe other things, but I think these two are for sure. In verse 10 of our lesson, the wood which speaks of Christ's humanity. It was overlaid with pure gold which speaks of His deity. The ark wore a crown.

We see Christ typified in:

- a. The outer court (place of sacrifice) as the Prophet.
- b. The holy place (place of worship) as the Priest.
- c. The holy of holies (place of communion) as the King. He was born a king, crucified a king, and is coming as king.

Exo 25:12 And thou shalt cast four rings of gold for it, and put them in the four corners thereof; and two rings shall be in the one side of it, and two rings in the

other side of it.

Exo 25:13 And thou shalt make staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold.

Exo 25:14 And thou shalt put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be borne with them.

Exo 25:15 The staves shall be in the rings of the ark: they shall not be taken from it.

Exo 25:16 And thou shalt put into the ark the testimony which I shall give thee.

The rings and the staves made the ark portable. God's people are pilgrims and He is ever with them. God also gave directions to the contents of the ark.

Heb. 9:4 Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant.

As mentioned there in Hebrews, the ark contained the golden pot of manna.

John 6:48-51, I am that bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

The ark also contained Aaron's rod that budded, which speaks of Christ in His resurrection power and life. Also it had the tables of the law in the heart of it. Christ had the law hidden in His heart, and kept it perfectly for His people.

Psa. 40:6-8 Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required. Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

Heb. 10:5-9 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law, Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.

Matt. 3:17, And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Deut. 31:26, Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee.

Exo 25:17 And thou shalt make a mercy seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half shall

be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof.

The mercy seat was to be made of pure gold. This speaks of Christ's absolute deity through which He could satisfy the Father on our behalf, with His sinless blood. It was where God spoke to Moses and Aaron.

Psa. 80:1 ...thou that dwellest between the cherubims, shine forth.

Psa. 99:1 The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved.

II Kings 19:15, And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said, O LORD God of Israel, which dwellest between the cherubims, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth.

Christ is our mercy seat in heaven. In the following scriptures the Greek word for "propitiation" is "hilasterion," the word for mercy seat.

Rom. 3:25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God.

I John 2:2, And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

Heb 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

Heb 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Exo 25:18 And thou shalt make two cherubims of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat.

Exo 25:19 And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: even of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof.

Exo 25:20 And the cherubims shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.

The cherubims overshadow the mercy seat. The cherubims symbolize the justice and judgment of God. Pictures I have seen of cherubims look like small angels with wings. We know that without the mercy seat they would have looked on the broken law, instead they looked on the blood stained mercy seat. All of God's people don't need justice, they need the mercy of God.

Exo 25:21 And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou

shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee.
Exo 25:22 And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

The blood sprinkled mercy seat stood between a holy law and a sinful people. In Lev. 16, on the day of atonement the blood was sprinkled for all the people. Christ died once for our sins and it will never need to be repeated.

Heb 9:11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

Heb 9:12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

Heb 9:13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:

Heb 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Heb 9:15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

This place was where God met and communed with His people. This communion and fellowship was only on the basis of the blood sprinkled mercy seat.

III. The Table of Shewbread

Exo 25:23 Thou shalt also make a table of shittim wood: two cubits shall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.

Exo 25:24 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, and make thereto a crown of gold round about.

We begin with the table that was made of shittim wood. Not only did God give the material it was to be made of, but he also gave the dimensions. It was to be 2 cubits by a cubit and One and a half cubits high. Roughly in numbers we know it was about 36" long, 18" wide, and 27" high. It was made of acacia which is called the shittim wood. As we mentioned last week, the wood here speaks of Christ's humanity. The table was covered with gold and this of course speaks of HIS deity. The crown made round about speaks of Jesus' kingship.

Exo 25:25 And thou shalt make unto it a border of an hand breadth round about, and thou shalt make a golden crown to the border thereof round about.

Exo 25:26 And thou shalt make for it four rings of gold, and put the rings in the four

corners that are on the four feet thereof.

Exo 25:27 Over against the border shall the rings be for places of the staves to bear the table.

Exo 25:28 And thou shalt make the staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold, that the table may be borne with them.

Exo 25:29 And thou shalt make the dishes thereof, and spoons thereof, and covers thereof, and bowls thereof, to cover withal: of pure gold shalt thou make them.

Verse 25 speaks of the golden rings built into the table. This would reveal to those that carried it, that they were on a Divine mission. Even the staves were to be built a certain way. Nothing was left to chance or guesswork. And the dishes, spoons, and bowls were to all be made of pure gold.

Exo 25:30 And thou shalt set upon the table shewbread before me always.

The shewbread was to be set upon the table. It was made of fine flour. The recipe is found in Lev. 24:5-9

Lev 24:5 And thou shalt take fine flour, and bake twelve cakes thereof: two tenth deals shall be in one cake.

Lev 24:6 And thou shalt set them in two rows, six on a row, upon the pure table before the LORD.

Lev 24:7 And thou shalt put pure frankincense upon each row, that it may be on the bread for a memorial, even an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

Lev 24:8 Every sabbath he shall set it in order before the LORD continually, being taken from the children of Israel by an everlasting covenant.

Lev 24:9 And it shall be Aaron's and his sons'; and they shall eat it in the holy place: for it is most holy unto him of the offerings of the LORD made by fire by a perpetual statute.

There were twelve loaves of bread representing one for each tribe, before the Lord. The frankincense shows us that it was offered to a king. When the wise men came bearing gifts to the Lord Jesus as a young child, one of the gifts was frankincense.

Matt. 2:11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

The bread was removed every Sabbath day and placed in a basket for the priests to eat. It was to be eaten in the Holy Place only. This bread was a type of Christ.

Christ's death was likened unto a corn of wheat in the book of John.

John 12:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He was

ground in the mill of suffering.

John 12:27 Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. He was brought into the fire of judgment.

John 12:31-33, Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. This he said, signifying what death he should die.

Christ came as the living bread from heaven.

John 6:51, I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

We as Christians are to feast upon the living Word as revealed in the written Word. The bible has the answers for all of life's questions, and when we make it a matter of study every day, we gain wisdom and learn how to deal with all of the trials of life.

Leaven is a symbol of evil. Jesus warns of leaven.

Matt. 16:11-12 How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees? Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

1Co 5:6 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?

1Co 5:7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

1Co 5:8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The instructions were for the shewbread to be on the table for 7 days. The number 7 God's number of perfection. Christ spent a whole life here on earth and no leaven was found in Him.

We are to look to Christ for all of our spiritual food. Now only the priests could feed upon the shewbread.

Lev 24:9 And it shall be Aaron's and his sons'; and they shall eat it in the holy place: for it is most holy unto him of the offerings of the LORD made by fire by a perpetual statute.

Matt. 12:4 How he (David) entered into the house of God, and did eat the

shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests?

Today every saved person is a believer and priest.

I Pet. 2:9, But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Rev. 1:6, And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

This shewbread cost the priest nothing. Our living bread cost God his only Begotten Son there on Calvary. Jesus is the sustaining food of the believer. He provides us with the written Word and the Living Word. Note that the shewbread was the only bread on the table. Nothing else was there. Nothing fancy such as pie etc. Why is it that people want a carnival atmosphere, joking, entertainment, movies, and magic tricks when they come to Church? WHY is not CHRIST and His Word enough?

Another interesting thing is that the priests were to eat standing up. There was not one chair in the Tabernacle. It was not a place of ease. They were to be ready to move on a moments notice. The passover was to be eaten with shoes on, loins girded, staff in hand, and they were to be ready to leave when told. We today partake of the Lord's supper which is similar in ways to the passover. The Lord's Supper looks forward to Christ's coming.

I Cor. 11:26, For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

When Jesus comes back, will he find us standing, watching and waiting, or will we be found loafing or sleeping. Bread is a product of death, crushing of the wheat to make the flour, and baking in a heated oven. We need to see Christ as being crushed, dying, and suffering for us. If so, we will be busy standing, going, and serving.

IV. The Golden Candlestick

Exo 25:31 And thou shalt make a candlestick of pure gold: of beaten work shall the candlestick be made: his shaft, and his branches, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, shall be of the same.

Exo 25:32 And six branches shall come out of the sides of it; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side:

Exo 25:33 Three bowls made like unto almonds, with a knop and a flower in one branch; and three bowls made like almonds in the other branch, with a knop and a flower: so in the six branches that come out of the candlestick.

Exo 25:34 And in the candlestick shall be four bowls made like unto almonds, with their knops and their flowers.

Exo 25:35 And there shall be a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, according to the six branches that proceed out of the candlestick.

The candlestick was not just a thing of beauty, but it had a purpose. The candlestick was the symbol of a person. Note the adjectives of "his" in verse 31.

John 9:5 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

Isa. 42:6, I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles.

Isa. 49:6,...I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles....

The candlestick was designed to furnish light on the shewbread for the priests. As Christians, we are not to worship in ignorance, but in the light of truth. Many spirits are in the world, and we need to be sure we are following the Spirit of Truth.

John 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

1Jn 4:1 *Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.*

1Jn 4:2 *Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:*

1Jn 4:3 *And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.*

To do this, we need the light of the Word of God to lead and guide us in our service.

Prov. 6:23, For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life.

Also, it is important to realize that there were no windows in the Tabernacle, but there was the candlestick for the Holy place and Shekinah light for the Holy of Holies. The priests were not to walk in the light of nature or reason. If they walked in the light of nature or reason, they had to get outside the Tabernacle. Outside they could not see the beauty of the inside. When men use reason, they come up with many false ideas. Sometimes in the light of reason, man invents things like evolution or a bloodless religion. All may sound reasonable,

but they are not true. We are to look to the Word of God for all decisions about what is true and what is false. Instead of blood as the remedy for sin, man comes up with religion, morality, ethics, ordinances, education, psychology, and psychiatry, etc. None of these things cure the root issue, and that is our depraved nature. Only Christ can save the soul. The bible is clear that the natural man does not receive spiritual things.

I Cor. 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

This probably explains why there is always someone else coming out with a new and improved version of God's Word. Since the lost man can not make sense of it, they simply rewrite it to their ideals. God has spoken His word, it has been penned, and no man can improve upon it. He promised His word would endure forever, and I believe that we still have the true word of God in existence today in the King James Version of the bible. It is perfect, pure, and without error.

Today the believer walks in the light of the Word.

Psa. 119:105, Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Natures light becomes spiritual darkness to the unbeliever.

Matt. 6:23, But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

Exo 25:36 Their knops and their branches shall be of the same: all it shall be one beaten work of pure gold.

Exo 25:37 And thou shalt make the seven lamps thereof: and they shall light the lamps thereof, that they may give light over against it.

Exo 25:38 And the tongs thereof, and the snuffdishes thereof, shall be of pure gold.

Exo 25:39 Of a talent of pure gold shall he make it, with all these vessels.

Exo 25:40 And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount.

The candlestick was made of pure gold which speaks of the deity of Christ. The gold was beaten and the oil used in the lamps both speak of the suffering of Christ. That which symbolizes Christ, sometimes symbolizes His body, which is the New Testament Church. It also sometimes symbolizes individual Christians. In the candlestick, there was one central shaft, and the 6 branches were hooked to it. Six is the number of man.

We are absolutely incomplete unless attached to the central shaft which typifies Christ. The bible is clear that Jesus is the true vine, and we are just branches out of the true vine. Our power is from the Lord.

Joh 15:1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

Joh 15:2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

The candlestick was to give light over against it. This light was to reveal the candlestick which was a type of Christ. In Revelations, the seven individual candlesticks (not a seven branched) represent the seven churches of Asia.

Rev. 1:12, 13

Rev 1:20, And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

Each individual church is the body of Christ, and without Him in the midst, there is nothing to honor God. Brother Taylor has begun teaching about the church on Wednesday nights, and today there is much confusion over what makes up the church. There is a major difference in the family of God and the body of Christ. All saved people of all time make up the family of God, but only baptized true believers of the local church make up the body of Christ.

I Cor. 12:27, Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

This was addressed to the church at Corinth.

I Cor. 1:2 Unto the church of God which is at Corinth....

Verse 31 of our lesson spoke of how the Candlestick was beaten. It was hammered on the anvil.

Exo 25:31 And thou shalt make a candlestick of pure gold: of beaten work shall the candlestick be made: his shaft, and his branches, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, shall be of the same.

Many of God's great men experienced beatings in their lives. Moses, Joseph, Daniel, and Job all had this experience. One of the great men of old once said that he didn't think any man or woman could be of much service in the Lord's work until they were broken. Broken men and women look to the Lord for their help and sufficiency. Perhaps the worst part of the candlestick creation was not the hammering, but the pecking to make flowers, knops, etc. [Knop is "knob, bulb (as ornament)"]

When we look at our personal lives, are we shining like that candlestick on the

table? God wants the Christian to Shine.

Matt. 5:14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

Phil.2:15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world.

Where can we shine best? No doubt about that, it is in the local church.

Rev. 1:20 ...the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

When we are saved, the Holy Spirit makes his abode inside each of us. The Holy Spirit in us is the oil that lights our lamp.

Rom. 8:9, But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

I Cor. 6:19, What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

God has a purpose in our light shining.

Matt. 5:16, Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Lamps must be cleaned and adjusted to burn properly. In the old oil lamps of yesterday had to be cleaned, trimmed, and adjusted. If too high they exalted self, if too low the flame was smothered and they would smoke.

Study Questions:

1. What was the dimensions of the table?

Two Cubits, by one cubit, by one and a half cubits.

2. What two materials was it made of, and what did they typify?

Shittim wood pointing to the humanity of Christ, and God typifying His Deity.

3. What was the bread made of, and what did this symbolize?

Unleavened fine flour.

4. When and where was the bread to be eaten, and who was to eat it?

It was to be eaten on the 7th day (Sabbath day) by the priests only.

5. What are we to feast on?

Christ is our spiritual bread.

6. Leaven is a symbol of _____?

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Prov 4:18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

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