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**"Gospel Pictures: The Bread of the Presence "**

Exodus 25:23-30

Memory Verse: Romans 8:32

**Big Idea:** God designed the table for the bread of the Presence to reassure his people that he was with them to provide for them and fellowship with them.

**I. What Was It?**

- A. A table made of acacia wood overlaid with pure gold. It was 3 feet long, 1.5 feet wide, and 2.25 feet high.
- B. Leviticus 24:5-9

**II. What Does It Mean?**

- A. There were 12 loaves of bread, one for each of the 12 tribes of Israel. Facing the lampstand they enjoyed the continual light of divine blessing.
- B. The bread represented God's providential care for his people.
- C. "He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever" (Psalm 111:5).
- D. The bread of the Presence teaches us that God is **FOR** us.
  - 1. The showbread symbolized God's constant awareness of their daily needs.
  - 2. The bread was before God constantly to remind the people that they were before God and that he knew all their needs.
  - 3. Matthew 6:25-34
- E. The bread of the Presence teaches us that God is **WITH** us.
  - 1. God delights to fellowship with us. (John 4:23)
  - 2. Exodus 24:11; Leviticus 24:9; Revelation 1:6
  - 3. Christian, God is with you.
  - 4. "He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?" (Romans 8:32)

**Conclusion**

- A. God is for us.
- B. God is with us.
- C. John 6:32, 33, 35
- D. Luke 2:1-7
- E. John 1:14
- F. Romans 8:9
- G. The Gospel Definition