1. Priests made the bread & ate of His presence.



2.Jesus is the bread of life (manna) from heaven

3. Communion is eating His body & drinking His blood

4.Man does not live by bread alone but by every (rehma) word that comes from the mouth of God

5.Jesus is the Logos & Rehma Word

6.Jesus provides our physical & spiritual nourishment - our daily bread.

7. But we must eat it.

Three HUGE ideas from the Table of Showbread.

- 1. Bread Is a daily reminder that it's His WORD that sustains us... Man does not live by bread alone.
- 2. Manna Jesus is the bread that came down from heaven.
- 3. Communion Eat of this bread, drink of his blood, and live forever.

After Jesus' baptism, just before He began His earthly ministry, He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. Jesus had fasted forty days and nights when Satan came to entice Him to turn stones into loaves of bread. Jesus answered the devil with these famous words: "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4).

To combat the devil's temptation, Christ drew directly from <u>Deuteronomy 8:3</u>: "He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD."

The Table of Showbread is the place where we remember by **demonstration that:** Man does not live by bread alone but by every (rehma - living) word the comes from the mouth of God.

# This is a lesson that we have to learn over and over and over again.

Words have power.

Our words have power that affect the quality of our lives.

God's Word has tremendous power that creates and sustains everything.

Table of Showbread is the place where we are reminded that everything we need comes from the Word of God.

Take a loaf of bread.

On the table of showbread there were 12 pieces of bread 2 stacks of 6.

The priests would eat this during the week as they did their ministry in the Holy Place.

Bread is a basic food that nourished them and has been a staple food for civilization since the beginning.

Since we make the dough, and bake the bread it's easy to think that the loaf of bread comes from our efforts. And indeed for bread to be made requires some work on our part.

But where does bread really come from?

God spoke His word and the world was created.

All the elements were created.

All plant life was created.

God spoke and even the fundamental elements of this world required for our survival were created...

Water, fire, dirt, these are all required to make bread.

He creates the seed, the dirt, the water, and the process by which seed becomes grain which produces more seeds so wheat can always be grown.

He created the stones that crush the seed and process where grain becomes flour.

After the fall, God spoke (his word) and commanded man to work the soil. So we learned to take the wheat seeds God had created, plant them, water the plants, deal with the weeds, And wait...and wait... finally due to all the elements and processes God created...Wheat grain is produced.

We harvest that grain and crush it to make flour to add water and the other necessary ingredients in the right amounts then bake the bread.

And we eat that bread.

And so Man does not live by bread (we make) alone but by every (rehma creative - living) word (and all the resulting goodness) that comes from the mouth of God.

So as you wonder what does the table of showbread have to do with the WORD of God.

Remember that Jesus told us that man does not live by bread alone.... But by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

And then remember that Jesus is the bread that came down from heaven. He's the living word. And we are sustained by his living Word.

**Col 1:16** 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.

#### Isaiah 55:10

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,

### John 6:31

Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat."

## John 6:32

Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.

#### John 6:33

For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

#### John 6:51

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

#### John 6:58

This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."

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Israel was never to forget the forty years of God's care in the desert when Yahweh alone had provided food to eat, clothing to wear, and sandals that never wore thin. In their new and prosperous state in the "land flowing with milk and honey" (Exodus 3:8; Numbers 14:8; Deuteronomy 31:20; Ezekiel 20:15), they might begin to feel self-satisfied, as if somehow they had obtained all these blessings in their own strength.

In the wilderness, God had humbled the Israelites by letting them go hungry. Then He fed them with manna so that they would have to depend on Him alone for daily provision. Manna was a type of food that was previously unknown—no one had ever had manna before (Exodus 16:15). This food symbolized God's divine intervention to sustain their lives. If they tried to provide for themselves by hoarding manna for the next day, the food always spoiled. Each day and each step of the way, the people had to be fed by Yahweh. Through this wilderness test, the people of Israel came to understand that their survival did not depend on one of God's gifts alone, whether bread or manna, but on every word that came out of the mouth of God. Their existence depended on obeying every single one of God's commands.

It is not just food that gives people life. It is not by bread alone that we live, but by everything that has come forth from the mouth of the Lord--contained in the bible—the "Word of God". God alone is our real source of life for His people (John <u>15:1−5</u>; <u>John 14:6</u>). He is our all in all.

God's Word, the Scriptures, is life-giving and life-sustaining. Jesus said, "The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life" (John 6:63; see also Hebrews 4:12; 2 Timothy 3:16-17).

When Jesus was hungry in the wilderness, Satan tried to get Him to rely on his own self-provision-to turn stones into bread-rather than wait on God's provision. But Jesus did nothing of His own will: "My food," said Jesus at another time, "is to do the will of Him who sent me and to finish His work" (John 4:34). He relied on every word of God and refused to act independently. Jesus was obedient to the point of death on the cross (Philippians 2:8).

As Moses reminded the people of Israel to depend on the Lord to meet their every need, man shall not live by bread alone ought to remind us to do the same. We owe our blessings and our very lives to God's divine provision. The trusting obedience the Son of God demonstrated-and which Israel failed at time and time again—we do well to imitate. When we're hungry or experiencing some form of deprivation, we must depend on God to meet our daily needs and remember to obey His Word.

And when life is good and we're feeling prosperous and blessed, we give thanks to the Lord our God, for it is He who provides us with the ability to obtain wealth (Deuteronomy 8:18). God our Father gives every good and perfect gift (James 1:17) and every spiritual blessing in Christ (Ephesians 1:3).

#### **SONS & PRIESTS - DELIGHT IN THE LAW**

A good way to tell who is running the show in our lives is to be honest about how we view God's laws and commandments. Do we push them away out of fear, frustration, or ignorance, or do we embrace them with a loving delight understanding they truely are the basis of all life?

Psa 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law [His precepts and teachings] he [habitually] meditates day and night.

Psa 19:7,8 The law of the Lord is perfect (flawless), restoring and refreshing the soul; The statutes of the Lord are reliable and trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, bringing joy to the heart; The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

Psa 119:9 How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping watch [on himself] according to Your word [conforming his life to Your precepts].

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