

**A PREPARED TABLE
PSALM 23:5**

Introduction

We see from Scripture that **A PREPARED TABLE SPEAKS OF FELLOWSHIP.**

- I. MELCHISEDEK PREPARED A TABLE OF FELLOWSHIP AND BLESSING WITH ABRAHAM. (Genesis 14:18-20)**
- II. ABRAHAM PREPARED A TABLE OF FELLOWSHIP AND HOSPITALITY. (Genesis 18:1-8)**
- III. MOSES PREPARED A TABLE OF SHEWBREAD PICTURING FELLOWSHIP WITH THE LORD. (Exodus 25:23-30; Leviticus 24:5-9)**

This table stood on the north side of the holy place.
It was made of shittim or accacia wood and was overlaid with pure gold.
It was three feet long, one and a half feet wide, and two and one fourth feet high.
It had a golden crown or moulding all around the outer edge to keep the loaves of bread safely upon the table and to prevent them from falling upon the ground and becoming defiled.
Twelve loaves of shewbread were placed on the table in two rows of six.
“Shewbread” literally means *“bread of presence or bread of faces”* so called, because they were placed before the presence or face of God in the sanctuary.
On the top of each row there was a golden dish with frankincense, which was burned before the Lord, as a memorial,
The bread was to be changed each Sabbath and eaten by the priests in the Holy Place.
Since Aaron and his sons were to eat it in the holy place, it is evident that this bread typified Christ, first presented as a sacrifice to, or in the presence of, Jehovah, and then becoming spiritual food to such as, in and through him, are spiritual priests to God.

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IV. ASAPH SPOKE OF THE TABLE IN THE WILDERNESS. (Psalm 78:17-25)

We know that God did prepare for Israel a Table in the wilderness.

He provided both Manna from heaven and Water from the Rock that was struck...Both of which pointed to the coming Messiah!

John 6:30-36; 41-42; 47-58.

V. JESUS SPOKE A PARABLE ABOUT A TABLE PREPARED. (Luke 14:15-24)

Invited many beforehand. There is little difficulty in understanding this parable. The man who made the supper is, without doubt, designed to represent God; the supper, the provisions which He has made for the salvation of people; and the invitation, the offers which He made to people, particularly to the Jews, of salvation!

VI. A TABLE WAS PREPARED FOR JESUS. (John 12:1-2)

Very obviously this was a table of fellowship with one who Jesus caused to rise from the dead.

VII. A TABLE WAS PREPARED AT JESUS REQUEST. (Matthew 26:17-30)

John 6:48—“I am that bread of life.”

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.”

VIII. A TABLE WAS TO BE PREPARED IN REMEMBRANCE OR AS A MEMORIAL. (Luke 22:13-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-31)

- A. His Broken Body Was Prepared For Us.
- B. His Shed Blood Was Prepared For Us.

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Conclusion

God has prepared a Table for us!

Have you been a partaker of God's table? The broken body and shed blood?

You can have no fellowship with God apart from partaking of the table that he has prepared for you!