



### The Lord's Table

Exodus 12:1-27 & Corinthians 11:23-29

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The Table is a major theme in Scripture.

The Table represents:

- **Communion:** The Table of Showbread or Presence in the Tabernacle symbolized God's abiding presence with his people.

Exodus 25:30 Put the bread of the Presence on this table to be before me at all times. (NIV)

- **Covenant:** The Table of the Passover Meal and the Lord's Supper commemorated God's covenant with his people of delivering and forming them.

Exodus 12:1 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt.... "3 Tell the whole community of Israel that...each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household.... 5 The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect.... 6 ...all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. 7 Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. 8 That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast.... 11 .... Eat it in haste; it is the Lord's Passover.... 14 This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD –a lasting ordinance.... 25 When you enter the land that the LORD will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. 26 And when your children ask you, 'What does this ceremony mean to you?' 27 then tell them, 'It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.'" (NIV)

- **Commitment:** The Table signified allegiance to God.

1 Corinthians 10:14 Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry.... 16 Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?.... 21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons too; you cannot have a part in both the Lord's table and the table of demons. (NIV)

- **Celebration:** The Table feast epitomized the joy of the kingdom.

Luke 14:15 When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, "Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God." (NIV)

- **Common Life:** The Table embodied the shared unified life (koinonia) of God's people.

Acts 2:42 They devoted themselves...to fellowship.... 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common.... 46 .... They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts. (NIV)

1 Corinthians 10:17 Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf. (NIV)

- **Commission:** The Table established a place of hospitality, welcoming, inclusion, and belonging for people who were not Followers of Jesus.

Matthew 9:10 While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" (NIV)

The ministry of Jesus revolved around tables.

Matthew 11:19 "The Son of Man came eating and drinking..." (NIV)

There's a seat at the Table for you!

Revelation 3:20 "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me." (NIV)

### The Lord's Supper

1 Corinthians 11:23-29

As we approach the Lord's Table, we look:

- **Back** (23-25)

- **Ahead** (26)

- **Within** (27-28)

- **Around** (29)