

# Exodus 25:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

## Analysis

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The table's dishes, spoons, covers (bowls), and flagons (pitchers) are all pure gold. These utensils serve the bread and drink offerings, the implements of fellowship. The Hebrew *qesowth* (qesowth, bowls/covers) possibly covered the bread during transport, protecting sacred food. Pure gold throughout emphasizes that every element of fellowship with God must be consecrated—even the means by which we serve and receive sustenance are holy.

## Historical Context

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These utensils would be used by priests in preparing and serving the showbread. The drink offerings poured out with the bread (Numbers 28:7) represented complete consecration—both food and drink offered to God in fellowship.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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1. Why must even the 'utensils' of worship be gold (holy)?
2. How does Christ consecrate the 'means' by which we fellowship with God?

## Interlinear Text

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וַעֲשֵׂה יָדְךָ	אֶת	הַבַּדִּים	עֵץ יֵ	שֵׁטִים	וַצִּפֵּיתְךָ	אֶת
And thou shalt make	H853	the staves	wood	of shittim	and overlay	H853
H6213		H905	H6086	H7848	H6823	
בָּזָה	וְנִשָּׂא	בָּהֶם	אֶת	הַשֻּׁלְחָן:		
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