

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

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 **תִּשְׁׁוּרָת** (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

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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

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

וְעַשׂ יְתָ	אֶת	הַבָּדִים	שְׁתַיִם	וְעַץ	אֶת	וְצִפִּית	אֶת
And thou shalt make	H853	the staves	H905	wood	H6086	of shittim	and overlay
H6213				H7848		H6823	H853

וְנִשְׁאָ	בְּמִ	אֶת	בְּמִ	וְשָׁלֹךְ	בְּמִ	אֶת	בְּמִ
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