

Exodus 25:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt make the dishes thereof, and spoons thereof, and covers thereof, and bowls thereof, to cover withal: of pure gold shalt thou make them.

Analysis

The purpose: 'to cover withal'—the utensils protect and honor the sacred bread. The bread of the Presence must be shielded from profanation yet remain accessible for its intended purpose. This balance of protection and availability prefigures how Christ, the bread of life, is simultaneously guarded from irreverence (not to be taken lightly) yet freely offered to all who hunger for God (John 6:51).

Historical Context

During the tabernacle's transport, these golden vessels would be carefully wrapped and covered (Numbers 4:7), maintaining the sacred bread's sanctity even while in transit. The priests' careful handling testified to the holiness of fellowship with God.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How do we guard Christ's person from irreverence while making Him accessible to seekers?
2. What does it mean to approach the 'bread of life' with both reverence and hunger?

Interlinear Text

תַּעֲשֶׂה הַ	קְעָרֹתַיִם יִ	וְכַפֹּתַיִם יִ	וְקִשּׁוֹתָיו
And thou shalt make	the dishes	thereof and spoons	thereof and covers
H6213	H7086	H3709	H7184
וּמִנְקִיָּתַיִם יִ	אֲשֶׁר רַ	יִסְרֹ	בְּהַ זָהָב טָהוֹר
thereof and bowls	H834	thereof to cover	withal gold of pure
H4518		H5258	H2004 H2091 H2889
תַּעֲשֶׂה הַ	אֹתָם:		
And thou shalt make	H853		
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Additional Cross-References

Numbers 4:7 (Parallel theme): And upon the table of shewbread they shall spread a cloth of blue, and put thereon the dishes, and the spoons, and the bowls, and covers to cover withal: and the continual bread shall be thereon:

Exodus 37:16 (Parallel theme): And he made the vessels which were upon the table, his dishes, and his spoons, and his bowls, and his covers to cover withal, of pure gold.