

Exodus 25:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt set upon the table shewbread before me alway.

Analysis

The perpetual statute: 'Thou shalt set upon the table shewbread before me alway.' The Hebrew תָּמִיד (tamid, continually/always) emphasizes unbroken fellowship. God desires constant communion with His people, symbolized by bread perpetually in His presence. The twelve loaves (Leviticus 24:5-9) represented Israel always before God. Christ eternally mediates this fellowship—His presence before the Father never ceases, ensuring our access never fails.

Historical Context

Each Sabbath, fresh bread replaced the week-old loaves, which the priests would eat in the holy place (Leviticus 24:8-9). This weekly renewal maintained freshness while the perpetual presence symbolized unbroken covenant relationship.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. What does perpetual bread 'before God' teach about His desire for fellowship with you?
2. How does Christ's eternal presence before the Father secure your access?

Interlinear Text

וְנָתַתָּ	עַל	הַשֻּׁלְחָן	לִפְנֵי	לִפְנֵי	תָמִיד:	
And thou shalt set	H5921	upon the table	shewbread	before	before	me alway
H5414		H7979	H3899	H6440	H6440	H8548

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 12:4 (Parallel theme): How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests?

Exodus 39:36 (Parallel theme): The table, and all the vessels thereof, and the shewbread,