

The Bread of Presence

The Mystery of the Tabernacle Season 2

Core Message: God designed the tabernacle as a meeting place with His people, revealing principles that help believers walk in fellowship with Him. Rabbi Schneider explains that the table of showbread reminds us that God's presence and attention remain with His people even when they do not feel Him. Our faith must rest on God's Word rather than changing emotions. In the second section of this teaching, Rabbi draws on midrash, a Jewish approach to interpreting the Hebrew Scriptures that explores deeper meanings and spiritual applications within the text. He uses the veil to illustrate the spiritual resistance we may encounter as we seek deeper intimacy with God. He encourages believers to persevere in seeking the Lord and trust His faithful love through that opposition.

Main Bible Verses (NASB):

- **Core Memory Verse: (Exodus 25:8)** "Have them construct a sanctuary for Me, so that I may dwell among them."
- **(Matthew 28:20)** "teaching them to follow all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
- **(Psalm 42:1)** "As the deer pants for the water brooks, So my soul pants for You, God."
- **(Matthew 6:26)** "Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?"
- **(Matthew 17:1-2)** "Six days later Jesus *took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and *led them up on a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light."
- **(Hebrews 11:6)** "And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him."

Key Points (Fill-in-the-Blank):

- “Our _____ are not facts.”
 - “His _____ is always with us.”
 - “Let's use the table of showbread to train us to walk in _____ rather than _____.”
 - “Understand that supernatural _____ attract a supernatural _____.”
 - “God is always _____ at you.”
 - “Beloved, the _____ teaches us how to walk with God.”
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Notes:

(Use lines below for personal notes)

Reflection Questions:

1. When God feels far away, how do you usually respond? How does Jesus' promise in Matthew 28:20 challenge that response?

2. What does God's desire to dwell among His people in Exodus 25:8 reveal about His desire for fellowship with you?

3. Where have discouragement or resistance made you pull back from seeking God? What would perseverance look like in that area this week?

4. Psalm 42:1 describes a soul thirsting for God. What competes with that desire in your life, and how can you make room to seek Him more deeply?

Application Challenge of the Week:

Set aside ten minutes each day this week to read Matthew 28:20 and pray. Name one feeling that makes you question God's nearness, then thank Him for His promise to be with you and continue seeking Him even when your feelings do not change. (Or come up with your own as the Lord leads):

Prayer Prompts:

- Thank God that His presence and loving attention do not depend on your feelings.
- Ask the Father to strengthen your faith in His Word when doubt or discouragement rises.
- Ask for perseverance through spiritual opposition and a deeper hunger for fellowship with Him.

“The Lord bless you, and keep you; the Lord cause His face to shine on you, and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His face to you, and give you peace.” Numbers 6:22-27
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