Exodus Part 12 (Chapter 25:10-22)

The Ark of the Covenant

- **Exo 25:10** "Have them make an ark of acacia wood--two and a half cubits long, a cubit and a half wide, and a cubit and a half high.
- Exo 25:11 Overlay it with pure gold, both inside and out, and make a gold molding around it.
- Exo 25:12 Cast four gold rings for it and fasten them to its four feet, with two rings on one side and two rings on the other.
- Exo 25:13 Then make poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold.
- Exo 25:14 Insert the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark to carry it.
- Exo 25:15 The poles are to remain in the rings of this ark; they are not to be removed.
- Exo 25:16 Then put in the ark the tablets of the covenant law, which I will give you.
- Exo 25:17 "Make an atonement cover of pure gold--two and a half cubits long and a cubit and a half wide.
- Exo 25:18 And make two cherubim out of hammered gold at the ends of the cover.
- Exo 25:19 Make one cherub on one end and the second cherub on the other; make the cherubim of one piece with the cover, at the two ends.
- Exo 25:20 The cherubim are to have their wings spread upward, overshadowing the cover with them. The cherubim are to face each other, looking toward the cover.
- Exo 25:21 Place the cover on top of the ark and put in the ark the tablets of the covenant law that I will give you.
- Exo 25:22 There, above the cover between the two cherubim that are over the ark of the covenant law, I will meet with you and give you all my commands for the Israelites.
- **Heb 9:1** Now the first covenant had regulations for worship and also an earthly sanctuary.
- Heb 9:2 A tabernacle was set up. In its first room were the lampstand and the table with its consecrated bread; this was called the Holy Place.
- Heb 9:3 Behind the second curtain was a room called the Most Holy Place,
- Heb 9:4 which had the golden altar of incense and the gold-covered ark of the covenant. This ark contained the gold jar of manna, Aaron's staff that had budded, and the stone tablets of the covenant.

- Heb 9:5 Above the ark were the cherubim of the Glory, overshadowing the atonement cover.
- Heb 9:8 The Holy Spirit was showing by this that the way into the Most Holy Place had not yet been disclosed as long as the first tabernacle was still functioning.
- Heb 9:9 This is an illustration for the present time, indicating that the gifts and sacrifices being offered were not able to clear the conscience of the worshiper.
- Heb 9:10 They are only a matter of food and drink and various ceremonial washings--external regulations applying until the time of the new order.

The manna from heaven represented Christ who gives us His life.

- <u>Joh 6:32</u> Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.
- <u>Joh 6:33</u> For the <u>bread</u> of God is the <u>bread</u> that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."
- <u>Joh 6:34</u> "Sir," they said, "always give us this bread."
- <u>Joh 6:35</u> Then Jesus declared, "I am the <u>bread</u> of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. <u>Joh 6:41</u> At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the <u>bread</u> that came down from heaven."

Aaron's staff represented the power of God and the presence of God that brings forth deliverance and fruit in our lives.

- Exo 7:12 Each one threw down his staff and it became a snake. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs.
- Num 17:3 On the staff of Levi write Aaron's name, for there must be one staff for the head of each ancestral tribe.
- Num 17:6 So Moses spoke to the Israelites, and their leaders gave him twelve staffs, one for the leader of each of their ancestral tribes, and Aaron's staff was among them.
- Num 17:8 The next day Moses entered the tent and saw that Aaron's staff, which represented the tribe of Levi, had not only sprouted but had budded, blossomed and produced almonds.

Num 17:10 The LORD said to Moses, "Put back Aaron's staff in front of the ark of the covenant law, to be kept as a sign to the rebellious. This will put an end to their grumbling against me, so that they will not die."

The Stone Tablets of the Law represent God's Righteous requirements.

Rom 7:7 What shall we say, then? Is the law sinful? Certainly not! Nevertheless, I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, "You shall not covet."

Rom 7:8 But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of coveting. For apart from the law, sin was dead.

Rom 7:9 Once I was alive apart from the law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life and I died.

Rom 10:4 Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

Rom 7:25 Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

We are only free through Jesus Christ!

Isa 30:21 Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

In the believer who is filled with the Holy Spirit Jesus the Bread of Life loves inside of us.

Joh 14:12 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

Joh 14:13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Joh 14:14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Joh 14:15 "If you love me, keep my commands.

Joh 14:16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever--

Joh 14:17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

Joh 14:18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

Joh 14:19 Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

Joh 14:20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

The Spirit of Christ(Holy Spirit) is the Spirit of Power and through the His Presence we experience what the early believers only dreamed of having.