Charles Feinberg:

There hasn't been a renewal of the bread. There hasn't been a feasting there hasn't been an entering in to the joyous provision of the Lord Jesus Christ and now yet another thing about this bread. The show bread and that's this, that the loaves were to be made, even the actual contents of these loaves was specified by God the loaves were to be made of two 10th deals of flour. Now a tenth is the normal portion that we speak of. It was the portion with which Israel began their giving unto the Lord. And when you speak of two tenths that's a double portion.

Yes Leviticus 24 Verse 5 thou shalt make take fine flour and bake 12 cakes thereof, two tenth parts shall be in one cake. Christ is sufficient in a double sense not only for time and all of its many changing scenes and conditions and positions but Christ bless God is sufficient, adequate, surpassingly so for eternity as well a double portion he is for any needy heart for any soul. The world over.

Now you will remember that in Exodus twenty five there was something stated concerning dishes Exodus 25 29 now what do dishes have to do with the table of showbread or with the show bread on the table thou shalt make the dishes thereof and spoons thereof and covers thereof and bowls thereof with which to pour. What is that pouring that can't be of the dough or anything of that character with which to pour of pure gold shalt thou make them. This was for the frankincense because we read it in Leviticus 24 verse 7 thou shalt put pure frankincense upon each row.
Oh what a fragrance that it may be on the bread for a memorial even an offering made by fire unto the Lord. Pure frankincense on both rows as a token with all the rest of an everlasting covenant. Oh how frankincense speaks of God's righteousness imputed and reckoned to us it must mean something that is eminently pleasing as a fragrance. It's the merit it's the worth. It's in the righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ reckoned to us all that he did at Calvary in that and in that alone is there a fragrance that is pleasing to God. God cannot be pleased in any other area with any other person with any other work except in the merit laid down presented by the Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father on behalf of all of us sinners. Now the bread would be very beautiful to look at I'm sure and it would be a very very interesting thing to know that it represented the presence of God.

But there was more to it. That bread didn't just stay there on that table and moulded away or became much harder and harder until it was changed at the Sabbath. There was an eating of the bread. The priests ate of the loaves but they didn't do it for themselves. They did it representatively. As for the people in Leviticus 24 nine where ye shall be Aaron and his sons they shall eat it. The showbread in the holy place for it is most holy unto him of the offerings of the Lord made by fire by a perpetual statute very very sacred item and a very sacred ritual. The eating of the bread. They ate it representatively as for the people you see friends God has provided spiritual food for all of his own. Yes. These priests didn't eat it just for a little clique or for a little group. A little choice committee in Israel.

They ate it for all the people God has provided enough spiritual food for every one of his own God's not going to run out. God's supply isn't going to run low. The trouble is so many are living in spiritual poverty when they could be partaking of God's spiritual righteousness and God's spiritual riches. Someone has put it beautifully in this way. Jesus thou art enough. The
mind and heart to fill, thy patient life to calm the soul thy love its fear dispelled. Yes Jesus is
enough to fill any mind and any heart and to care for any soul. The priests could only eat of that
bread. Remember after they had come by way of the bronze altar of sacrifice. Never forget it
friends. This is not food for unsaved. We can only feed on him after he's been accepted as a
sacrifice. Yes. wonderful to talk about his purity of life his blemishless character and all as a
wonderful example but you cannot talk about Christ as an example until you had him first a
savior one great Bible teacher in the east in the city of Philadelphia in that area in Pennsylvania
used to make it his business. Though he taught the deepest trues of the word of God always made
it his business at the end of every lecture every message to make the way of life clear a very very
fine cultured man came to him once he said you know I'd been Doctor.

Earns I'd been going up and down this area here listening to you and it's a delight. But there's
one thing I do find fault with. He said what's that. He said well you're always bringing up in all
of your messages at the end of them you're always bringing up that we must receive Christ as
savior. And Dr. Stern said yes. Yes I do. I do that purposely I do that knowingly consciously. I
want folk to know that these things are theirs only as they trust Christ as Savior. Well he says I
don't think I need Christ as Savior. Dr. Stern said why not. Because he says I believe I can follow
him as my example. And Dr. Sternes looked him in the eyes. Do you really believe that you can
follow Christ as your example? Yes. Are you ready? The man said. Yes I am. Number one who
did no sin. Can you follow him oh he says I'm afraid not. No no no. I couldn't. Well he said then
you do not need Christ in the first instance as an example as a pattern as a model of life.

You need him as a savior and I say again we can only feed on him in any sense of the word.
We can only have him as our example. As our blessed food as our communion as our center of
fellowship. After we have accepted his sacrifice. As believers we are to feed on the person of
Christ around his person. We have blessed unity and when we get nearer to Christ we get nearer to one another. There were three holy vessels if you will again bring them before your mind's eye. There were three holy vessels or pieces of furniture in the holy place.

They were specifically the golden altar the Lamp Stand and the table of show bread. They were all in the first instance for God. Lampstand was lighted before the Lord Exodus 40 Verse 25. The incense on the golden altar was before the Lord Exodus 30 verse 8. The bread on the table was before the Lord always before the Lord Exodus 40 verse 23. That means that the priests saw the light they smelled the fragrance of the incense and they tasted the bread they ate the bread but they were all for God first. Full joy of Communion is in the Father's presence before the Lord. Says the Apostle John.

Speaking of that which was from the beginning that wonderful word of life which he the Apostle John and the other in the Apostolic band were privileged they were privileged to see this word not only to see it but to handle it that which was from the beginning which we have heard which we've seen with our eyes which we have looked upon our hands have handled of the word of life. Now that which we have seen verse three and heard declare we unto you that ye also may have fellowship with us and truly our fellowship is with a father and with his son Jesus Christ with a father full joy of Communion is in the father's presence.

A scoffer asked an old Christian once how in the world do you know Christ is risen. Said he because I had an hour with him and with God my father this morning. Quietly answered that knowledgeable Christian. Oh yes thank God everything is before the Lord first. They were all for God in the first place. Now this table of Showbread as has been pointed out numbers of times reveals Christ as the anti-type as the fulfillment of the bread. John 6 tells us I am the true bread. Your fathers had manna in the wilderness.
They ate it. They enjoyed it. They were rejoiced in it. But they ultimately died. He that eats of this bread that I give him shall never die. Now the bread of God. I want you to notice is from all eternity. Amana comes from heaven. Christ our bread comes from heaven. He is an eternal being. He is the eternal provision of God the Father Psalm 78. 24 or Psalm One hundred and five verse forty oh my dear friends. We find that stated concerning the manna which in the highest sense is true of our Lord Jesus Christ. In that marvelous Psalm 78 verse 24 and God rained down manna upon them to eat had given them of the grain of Heaven bread of God from all eternity. The manna is and who is the all glorious bread for us it none other than our Lord Jesus Christ and then in the 105th Psalm and in the fortieth verse we read that people asked he brought quails and satisfied them with what the bread of heaven bread of heaven bread of God from all eternity table of show bread reveals Christ then as that which comes from heaven. It marvelously speaks to us of the Incarnation, incarnation that which is made flesh.

For in John's gospel that great sixth chapter we can never think of the table of show bread. We can never think of bread in any sense of manna which was their bread without realizing that that bread spoke of that which is adapted to us accommodated to us that we could eat, that we can assimilate and John 6:33 for the bread of God is He who cometh down from heaven and giveth life unto the world. Verse 35 Jesus said unto them I am the Bread of Life. He that cometh to me shall never hunger. He that believeth on me shall never thirst all of us in John Six Verse fifty. This is the bread that cometh down from heaven that a man may eat of it and not die verse 51. I am the living bread that came down from him and if any man eats of this bread he shall live forever and the bread that I will give is my flesh which I will give for the life of the world.

Yes. Bread of God from all eternity speaks of his life his flesh given for the life and for the sin of the world his perfect life. I've already spoken of that fine flour fine flour here reminds us
so eloquently does it not of the fine flour of the meal offering that meal offering the cereal offering Leviticus two verse 1 and when any man will offer a meal offering unto the Lord his offering shall be of fine flour and he shall pour oil upon it. And Put frankincense there on the fine flour of the meal offering, his perfect life and then his death is spoken of too. There were pierced cakes and Leviticus 2:4 thou bring an oblation of a meal offering baked in the oven it shall be unleavened cakes of fine flour mixed with oil or unleavened wafers anointed with oil.

Yes. The cakes were parted in pieces thou shalt part it in pieces, Leviticus 2:6 and pour oil thereon it is a meal offering. It was broken bread the bread broken for us given for us first Corinthians 11 24. His life was forfeited. It was taken because he laid down his life that he might take it again a definite sense in which his life was broken, the broken bread. And then in the table of showbread we have resurrection as well. The corn of wheat of John 12:24 that we spoke of that must die. Fall on the ground and die else it abides alone. If it dies it brings forth much fruit then the corn of the land of Joshua 5. How they feasted upon that when the mana ceased resurrection or the first fruits of Leviticus 23 10 and 11 and not only soul resurrection. But it speaks of his coming again because he's the first fruits of them that have slept just as Christ's body was in resurrection so is ours. For we we know that our citizenship Our Commonwealth is in heaven from whence also we look for the savior who shall change the body of our humiliation and fashion it like unto the body of his glory by the power whereby he is able to subdue all things unto himself.

Yes his coming again. Then he is the food of his people. In the meal offering in the Feast of Unleavened Bread in the showbread oh how Christ wants us to partake of him to assimilate him and folk are feasting on the husks of the world not realizing that all this is provided for in Christ. The incident has been often told of the minister who wanted to go to see some loved ones to
fellowship with Him hadn't seen them in years in Europe. And finally he was able to save up enough money just enough money to pay for the ticket and to have just a little over so he wasn't just penniless and he had it all arranged out. He took a certain number of loaves of bread with him and some cheese and had all the days of the journey figured out and he was going to eat that food because he could not afford to eat in the regular dining hall.

He thought almost seems unbelievable that a man would not inquire any better than that. But in those days when men didn't know how to read so well and there were many many immigrants and many going back and forth. This was one of them apparently according to the story and he finally day after day eating the bread that became hotter and the cheese that was drier. Finally he said oh I have enough money I think to have one meal in the dining hall of the ship of the vessel. And so when he went down there he found out that that was provided for him for the whole journey. That may seem ludicrous it may seem even absurd and ridiculous to us but oh how many people how many people do not begin to realize that Christ is the food of his people. He is more than just forgiveness of sins marvelous as that is he is more than just cleansing. Each day the blood of Jesus Christ God's son cleanses us keeps on cleansing us from all, he's more to us than that he is our food. He is the very inner nourishment of our life and unless we have that I'm afraid dear friends we are going to come out so much weaker.

We will not have a virile strong testimony bright testimony for the Lord. But we shall not reflect the glory of God at all. We will not be drawing attracting people to him in our weakness. Oh let's feed on him as the food. And then another thing this table of show bread reveals concerning Christ the anti-type that he is in God's presence for us. Yes this show bread was in the holy place and Christ is in the holiest of all. He is the hidden manna of the heart the hidden manna that's given to every believer. The world may not know what the inner springs of the
spiritual life are. What joy there is and whence it stems. Where does that one get that
equanimity? Where does he get the balance? Where does he get the poise the fortitude as they
call it? Oh it is all the hidden manna of the heart we strengthen by Christ's spirit. Bless God in
the inner man and then that the Showbread so clearly reveals Christ is seen in the very typical
place.

The name Bethlehem House of Bread answering feature for feature item for item yes Christ
is our food. He is our sustaining portion in this life and he will be throughout all eternity. One
writer had beautifully put it this way in poetry wherever he may guide me no want shall turn me
back my Shepherd is beside me and nothing can I lack. It’s told that there was a magnificent
pearl necklace belonging to the Empress of Germany was once discovered to have lost all its
beautiful sheen all of its beautiful brilliance and color because of lack of use and absence of
light. It was kept in the jewelry case a little casket of the Empress of Germany. One day she
thought she'd like to wear that beautiful pearl necklace.

Then to discover to her chagrin and to her sorrow that it had lost all of its attractiveness
immediately she called in the court Jeweler and told her what she expected done. She wanted this
magnificent pearl necklace. She wanted it restored to its original beauty and the pearl itself
restored to its original sheen and color. Well this court jeweler tried a number of things that he
knew of in his trade he tried in vain to clean it this way and that way with one element and with
another. Finally he hit upon an idea that he thought would be the best he decided to return this
pearl necklace to its native original element. This is what he did. He enclosed these pearls in a
bottle filled with air holes through which the salt water could constantly flow. And then he sank
the pearls. Beneath the salt water of the northern ocean to be fed there again and again and
before long when he took it out again he saw how beautiful it was. It had returned to its native
element. It had gotten all of its original beauty and attractiveness back. I say it in all earnestness all sincerity unless we feed upon him who is the bread of life the bread of life comes down from heaven.

We will lose that beauty of character with the indwelling of Christ. It imparts and so in order to bring this once more. Very very definitely to our hearts. I would like for us to see this wonderful discourse of our Lord and to see how much emphasis he places here on it. I think if we read it connectedly I've read a few verses here and there from it where Christ is speaking of himself as the bread of life in John 6:27 labor not for the food which perisheth. But for that food which endureth unto everlasting life which the Son of Man shall give unto you for him hath God the Father sealed then said he unto him what shall we do that we might work the works of God. Jesus answered and said unto them.

This is the work of God that you believe on him whom ye have sent notice before we could ever have any joy of him as our food our center of communion. We have to have salvation. First there has to be the altar of Burnt offering phase of acceptance of Christ our justification. First of all they said therefore unto him what sign showest thou then that we may see and believe thee. What dost thou work? our fathers did eat manna in the desert you see they began they began the discussion from this particular angle wanting a sign and out of all of their ancestors' experiences they chose the one of the manna so evidently miraculous to feed that many people for so long a time in the wilderness without normal supplies of food.

Our fathers did eat man in the desert as it is written he gave them bread from heaven notice those words the Lord Jesus is going to be mentioning them again too. He gave them bread from heaven to eat then Jesus said unto them verily verily I say unto you Moses gave you not that bread from heaven. But my father giveth you the true bread from heaven for the bread of God is
he who cometh down from heaven and give us life unto the world. Then said they unto him Lord evermore give us this bread and Jesus said unto them I am the Bread of Life.

He that comes to me shall never hunger; he that believeth on me shall never thirst. But I say unto you that you also have seen me and believe not all that the father giveth me shall come to me and him that cometh to me. How would a wise cast out. For I came down from heaven not to do mine own will but the will of him that sent me. This is the Father's Will who has sent me that of all that he hath given me I should lose nothing but should raise it up again at the last day. This is the will of him that sent me that everyone who seeth the son and believeth on him may have everlasting life that I will raise him up at the last day. Notice the satisfaction in this bread goes on for good. Yes yes there's satisfaction for time and eternity. The Jews then murmured at him because he said I'm the bread that came down from heaven. They said isn't this Jesus the son of Joseph whose father mother we know. How is it then that he said I came down from heaven? Jesus therefore answered and said unto them murmur not among yourselves.

No man can come to me except the father who has sent me draw him and I will raise him up at the last day. Yes satisfaction goes on. A king once pardoned two criminals and then after they were freed they came to the palace gate and asked for food. He said Tell them to leave. He said I gave you pardon. I didn't promise to give you food. I gave you life. I'm not promising to give you food. Christ does both. I will raise him up at the last day is written in the prophets and they shall all be taught of God everywhere. Therefore that hath learned and hath learned of the father cometh unto me not that any man had seen the father except he who is of God he hath seen the father verily verily I say unto you he that believeth on me hath everlasting life. I am that bread of life. Your father did eat manna in the wilderness and are dead. This is the bread that cometh down from heaven that a man may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down
from heaven. If any man eats of this bread he shall live forever and the bread that I will give is my flesh which I will give for the life of the world that the Jews couldn't stand the Jews therefore Strove among themselves.

How can this man give us his flesh to eat? They could not see it spiritually. They saw only the actual carnal eating of physical flesh then Jesus unto them. Verily verily I say unto you except you eat the flesh except you eat the flesh of the son of man and drink his blood. You have no life in you. Notice the importance. That's why I want to emphasize this as we come to our conclusion. The emphasis here on feasting on him except you do that you have no life in you. He who eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood have eternal life. And I will raise him up at the last day for my flesh is food indeed. Yes there it is the showbread my flesh is food indeed and my blood is drink indeed he that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood. Dwelleth in me and I in him as the living father has set me and I live by the father so he can eateth me even he shall live by me oh the absolute imperative necessity that we eat him that we feast on him.

This is the bread which came down from heaven not as your fathers did it matter. Again he makes the differentiation not as your fathers did eat manna and are dead. He that eateth of this bread shall live forever. Yes friend. If you are listening and you have never trusted Christ as savior you don't know him then as sacrifice then you cannot have him as marvelous bread as marvelous sustenance as nourishment. Trust Him. Oh do that. And if you do know him oh friend as a believer let the feeding of the 5000 or let the feeding of the four thousand be an illustration to you of what God wants you to do with Christ. He is so willing to impart blessed truths of himself his blessed saving grace. He wants to give you the opportunity of being the channel the instrument the human avenue whereby the bread of life can be given out to others and the more they give out the more it was multiplied. You cannot I repeat you cannot run out of the supply.
There is enough and more of Christ for all. Oh let's not have the situation where many are left without the food the need for their souls the bread of life our Father in heaven how we think thee for this marvelous piece of furniture in the Tabernacle and then later in the temple of old Lord how gloriously it speaks of Christ and incarnation as our food as our sustenance.

Else we die. There's no nourishment here on earth that could feed our spiritual lives oh may feed our bodies may feed our souls they feed other parts of us or nature. But oh new nature created in righteousness and true holiness. This nature must be fed upon bread from heaven. Lord may we feast upon and then give him out to needy hearts we ask with Thanksgiving in his ever blessed name amen amen.

[End Part 2]