

Exodus 26:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Two tenons shall there be in one board, set in order one against another: thus shalt thou make for all the boards of the tabernacle.

Analysis

Two tenons (יָד, yad, literally 'hands') per board, fitting into silver sockets. These tenons ('hands') extend from each board, reaching into the foundation. The imagery suggests that each standing board 'grasps' or 'holds onto' its foundation. Believers must be grounded in Christ, our foundation. The tenons' connection to silver sockets (silver represents redemption) shows we stand on redemptive foundation, not personal merit (1 Corinthians 3:11).

Historical Context

The tenons (projections at the base of each board) fit into corresponding holes in the silver sockets, creating a stable foundation that allowed the boards to stand vertically. This design enabled easy assembly and disassembly during travels.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How do you 'grasp' or 'hold onto' your foundation in Christ?
2. What does standing on a 'silver' (redemption) foundation rather than earthly merit mean for your security?

Interlinear Text

אֶל	אֶשׁ הַ	מְשֻׁלָּב תִּ	הָאֶחָד	קִרְשׁ יָ	יָד וְ	שְׁתֵּי יָ
	one	set in order	shall there be in one	board	tenons	Two
H413	H802	H7947	H259	H7175	H3027	H8147
הַמִּשְׁכָּן:	קִרְשׁ יָ	לְכָל ל	תַּעֲשֶׂה הַ	כִּן	אֶחָת הַ	
of the tabernacle	board		thus shalt thou make		against another	
H4908	H7175	H3605	H6213	H3651	H269	

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