

# 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 (*תְּ*, 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

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## 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

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אֶל	אֲשֶׁר	הַמְשֻׁלְבָּת	תִּשְׁאַל	דְּבַר	זֶה	וְזֶה	שְׁתַּיִת	קָרְשִׁי	יָד	וְזֶה	שְׁתַּיִת
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H8147	H3027	H7175		H259							H413
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H269	H3651		H6213	H3605	H7175		H4908				

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