

Exodus 26:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle, for the two sides westward.

Analysis

Five bars for one side, five for the other—the number five suggesting grace. Grace connects God's people horizontally as redemption (silver sockets) supports them vertically. We stand on redemption and are held together by grace. The specific number (five, not three or seven) emphasizes that connection comes through grace, not law (three) or completion (seven). Only grace can unite sinners into holy dwelling.

Historical Context

The five bars were likely placed at intervals from ground to top, creating multiple connection points. This ensured that even if one bar failed, others would maintain the wall's integrity, demonstrating redundant strength in God's design.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does grace 'connect' you to other believers where law would separate?

2. What does having multiple 'bars' (connection points) teach about strengthening Christian community?

Interlinear Text

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H2568	H1280	H7175	H6763	H4908	H8145

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for the two sides	westward
H3411	H3220

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