

Exodus 26:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Fifty loops shalt thou make in the one curtain, and fifty loops shalt thou make in the edge of the curtain that is in the coupling of the second; that the loops may take hold one of another.

Analysis

Fifty loops on each set—one hundred total—with loops exactly corresponding 'one to another.' Perfect alignment enables perfect joining. This illustrates that God-designed unity isn't forced conformity but divinely ordered harmony. Each loop has its precise counterpart; each believer has ordained relationships. The loops don't create union independently but prepare for the clasps (next verse) that accomplish joining—God's Spirit creates the unity we maintain (Ephesians 4:3).

Historical Context

The corresponding loops required careful measurement and skilled craftsmanship to ensure proper alignment. Any misalignment would prevent the clasps from joining the two sections, compromising the tabernacle's structural integrity.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does divinely ordered unity differ from forced conformity?
2. What 'corresponding' relationships has God ordained in your spiritual life?

Interlinear Text

וְחִמְשֵׁי יָם	הֶלַל לֹא תַ	תַּעֲשֶׂה	הִרְיֵעַ הַ	הָאֶחָת	וְחִמְשֵׁי יָם
Fifty	loops	shalt thou make	curtain	in the one	Fifty
H2572	H3924	H6213	H3407	H259	H2572
תַּעֲשֶׂה	הֶלַל לֹא תַ	בְּקֶצֶד הַ	הִרְיֵעַ הַ	אֶשׁ רַ	
shalt thou make	loops	in the edge	curtain		
H6213	H3924	H7097	H3407	H834	
הַשֵּׁנִי יֵת	בְּמַחְבֵּי רֶתֶת	מִקְבִּילַת	הֶלַל לֹא תַ	אֶשׁ הַ	אֶל
of the second	that is in the coupling	may take hold	loops	one	
H8145	H4225	H6901	H3924	H802	H413
אֶחָתָהּ:					
of another					
H269					