

# Exodus 27:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt make the court of the tabernacle: for the south side southward there shall be hangings for the court of fine twined linen of an hundred cubits long for one side:

## Analysis

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The courtyard (חֲצֵר, chatser) surrounding the tabernacle measures 100 × 50 cubits (approximately 150' × 75'), enclosed by fine linen hangings. This courtyard creates consecrated space—distinct from common ground yet accessible to all Israel. The white linen (righteousness) walls define boundaries between holy and common. They separate without hiding; transparency allows viewing in but creates clear demarcation. Christ's righteousness becomes the boundary defining God's people.

## Historical Context

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The courtyard's dimensions created a rectangular enclosure with the tabernacle at the west end and the altar near the entrance at the east. All Israelite men could enter this courtyard to bring offerings, though only priests could approach the tabernacle itself.

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. How does Christ's righteousness (linen walls) both define and protect God's people?
2. What does the courtyard's accessibility (all Israel could enter) teach about approaching God's presence?

## Interlinear Text

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וַעֲשֵׂה יָתֶּ	אֵת	לְחֹצֵי ר	הַמִּשְׁכָּן	לְפָאֵה	ה
And thou shalt make	H853	for the court	of the tabernacle	side	
H6213		H2691	H4908	H6285	
נָגִב	תִּי יִמְנָה	קִלְעֵי ים	לְחֹצֵי ר	שֵׁשׁ	
for the south	southward	there shall be hangings	for the court	linen	
H5045	H8486	H7050	H2691	H8336	
מִשְׁוֹר	מֵאָה	בָּאַמָּה	אֶרְבֹּן	לְפָאֵה	הָאֶחָדִיתִּי
of fine twined	of an hundred	cubits	long	side	for one
H7806	H3967	H520	H753	H6285	H259