

# Exodus 35:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The pins of the tabernacle, and the pins of the court, and their cords,

## Analysis

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Oil for lighting (שֶׁמֶן לַמָּאֹר, shemen la-ma'or) had to be pure, beaten olive oil—the finest quality requiring crushing the olives rather than pressing them. This oil kept the menorah burning continually (תָּמִיד, tamid, 'perpetually'), symbolizing the Holy Spirit's unceasing work in providing light and illumination. The requirement for 'beaten' oil parallels Christ's suffering ('beaten' for our iniquities, Isaiah 53:5) that provides the light of life to all who believe.

## Historical Context

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Pure olive oil was produced by crushing olives in a mortar rather than grinding in a mill, yielding the clearest, cleanest burning oil. The daily oil supply and lamp-tending fell to the priests as one of their primary duties, emphasizing the priority of maintaining God's light.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. What is the spiritual significance of requiring 'beaten' oil for the light that represents God's presence?
2. How does the continual burning of the lamps challenge believers regarding consistent spiritual vigilance?

## Interlinear Text

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אֶת	יְתִדֹת	הַמִּשְׁכָּה	וְאֶת	יְתִדֹת	הַחֹצֶה	וְאֶת
H853	<b>The pins</b>	<b>of the tabernacle</b>	H853	<b>The pins</b>	<b>of the court</b>	H853
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מִיתְרֵיהֶם:

**and their cords**

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 27:19** (Temple): All the vessels of the tabernacle in all the service thereof, and all the pins thereof, and all the pins of the court, shall be of brass.