

# Exodus 36:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

One board had two tenons, equally distant one from another: thus did he make for all the boards of the tabernacle.

## Analysis

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Two tenons (יָדוֹת, yadot, literally 'hands') per board, 'equally distant one from another' (מְשֻׁלָּבוֹת, meshullavaot, 'joined' or 'set in order'), enabled secure fitting into silver sockets. These 'hands' grasping the foundation picture believers' connection to Christ, the foundation (1 Corinthians 3:11). The equal distancing demonstrates balanced grounding—not leaning one direction or another, but firmly established in God's truth. Each board's two connection points illustrate that genuine stability requires multiple secure attachments, not single-point reliance.

## Historical Context

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The tenons were projections at the bottom of each board that fit into corresponding mortise holes in silver sockets, creating a stable foundation. The double-tenon design prevented boards from twisting or leaning, ensuring structural integrity of the entire framework.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How do the two tenons ('hands') per board illustrate the necessity of being firmly grounded in God's foundation?
2. What does the requirement for balanced, equal-distanced connection points teach about spiritual stability?

## Interlinear Text

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שְׁתֵּי יָדַי	קִרְשֵׁי יָדַי	אֶחָד	תְּשֻׁלָּב	אֶחָד	אֶל	אֶחָד
had two	tenons	board	One	equally distant	One	from
H8147	H3027	H7175	H259	H7947	H259	H413

כֵּן	עָשָׂה	לְכָל	קִרְשֵׁי יָדַי	הַמִּשְׁכָּן:
H3651	thus did he make	H3605	board	of the tabernacle
	H6213		H7175	H4908