

# Exodus 36:35

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he made a vail of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: with cherubims made he it of cunning work.

## Analysis

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Making rings of gold (תְּבָעֵת זָהָב, tabba'ot zahav) as places for bars demonstrates that even connection points must reflect divine glory. The rings, though functional hardware, were made precious through gold—teaching that every aspect of God's house, even practical necessities, should reflect His excellence. In the body of Christ, even seemingly mundane functions (administration, helps, etc.) are gifts from God deserving golden excellence (1 Corinthians 12:28).

## Historical Context

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The gold rings were likely cast or forged, then attached to the boards at regular intervals to hold the bars. Making these functional items from gold rather than brass or iron emphasized that everything in God's dwelling reflected His preciousness.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

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

## Study Questions

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1. What does making even functional hardware (rings) from gold teach about excellence in all aspects of serving God?
2. How does the gold rings' dual nature (functional and precious) challenge false dichotomies between practical service and spiritual worship?

## Interlinear Text

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שָׁתִי וַיְמַלֵּעַ תְּהִלָּתִי אֶת־עַתְּדִלְתִּי  
And he made H853 a H6532 H8504 H713 H8438 H8144  
H6213 H7806 H4639 H2803 H6213 H853  
שְׁמַשְׁתִּי רַב־מְשֻׁשֵּׁת הַמְּשֻׁשֵּׁת בְּחִשְׁבָּה  
linen and fine twined H8336 H7806 H4639 H2803 H6213 H853  
with H3742 כֶּרֶבִים  
cherubims

## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 27:51** (Parallel theme): And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

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