

# Isaiah 54:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes;

## Analysis

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The architectural imagery 'enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations' calls for expansion in anticipation of promised growth. The commands 'spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes' depict preparation for multitudes. This teaches faith that acts in advance of blessing, making room for what God promises before seeing fulfillment - Abraham-like faith that believes God's impossible promises.

## Historical Context

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Returning remnant was small, yet God commanded preparation for massive population growth. The church began with 120 in upper room but must 'enlarge tent' for billions. This models vision-driven planning - faith prepares for promised harvest before it arrives.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

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

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How is God calling you to 'enlarge your tent' - prepare in advance for growth He's promised?
2. What does it mean to 'strengthen stakes' while 'lengthening cords' - balance expansion with stability?

## Interlinear Text

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מְשָׁכְנוֹתַי יְיָ	וִרְיַע וְת	אֶהָלְךָ	מִקֵּץ וְ	הָרַח יְבִי
of thine habitations	the curtains	of thy tent	the place	Enlarge
H4908	H3407	H168	H4725	H7337
וַיִּתֵּדֵת יְיָ	מִיתְבֵּי יְיָ	הָאֶרֶץ יְכִי	תִּחַשׁ כִּי	אֶל
thy stakes	thy cords	not lengthen	spare	
H3489	H4340	H748	H2820	H408
				וַיִּטּוּ
				and let them stretch forth
				H5186
				וַיִּתְּקֵן
				and strengthen
				H2388

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 33:20** (Parallel theme): Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities: thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken.

**Jeremiah 10:20** (Parallel theme): My tabernacle is spoiled, and all my cords are broken: my children are gone forth of me, and they are not: there is none to stretch forth my tent any more, and to set up my curtains.

**Exodus 39:40** (Parallel theme): The hangings of the court, his pillars, and his sockets, and the hanging for the court gate, his cords, and his pins, and all the vessels of the service of the tabernacle, for the tent of the congregation,

**Exodus 35:18** (Parallel theme): The pins of the tabernacle, and the pins of the court, and their cords,

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