

Numbers 4:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the hangings of the court, and the hanging for the door of the gate of the court, which is by the tabernacle and by the altar round about, and their cords, and all the instruments of their service, and all that is made for them: so shall they serve.

Analysis

The comprehensive inventory of the Gershonites' burden includes all the fabric infrastructure of worship—curtains, coverings, hangings, and their cords. The cords, though small, were essential for stability; without them, the entire structure would collapse. This teaches that seemingly insignificant details matter greatly in God's service. The Reformed emphasis on God's sovereignty extends to every detail of His worship—nothing is too small to escape His care and command.

Historical Context

The court hangings formed a barrier around the tabernacle complex, creating sacred space and preventing unauthorized approach. The cords and pins secured these hangings against the wilderness winds, maintaining the boundary between holy and common ground.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How do the seemingly minor elements like cords and pins challenge our tendency to despise small things in God's service?
2. What does the comprehensive nature of these instructions teach about thoroughness in obeying God?
3. In what ways does attention to detail in worship reflect the character of the God we serve?

Interlinear Text

וְאֵת קַלְעֵי יְהוֹצֵר וְאֵת מַסְכֵּהוּ לְפִתְחוֹ
H853 And the hangings of the court H853 and the hanging for the door
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וְעַל אֲשֶׁר הָיָה הַמִּשְׁכָּה וְעַל שַׁעַר הַיָּמִין
H834 H5921 H4908 H8179 H2691 H5921
of the gate of the court which is by the tabernacle of the gate

כָּל וְאֵת מִיתְרֵיהֶם וְאֵת סָבִיב הַמִּזְבֵּחַ
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and their cords and by the altar round about

וְעָשָׂה וְאֲשֶׁר כָּל וְאֵת עֲבֹדֹתָם כָּל וְכָל
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and all that is made and all the instruments of their service

וְעָבְדוּ: לָהֶם
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for them so shall they serve