

SWORD MINISTRIES (Ephesians 6:17)

EXODUS 24:18; 25:1-9 God begins to give Moses the revelation of the Tabernacle. At this point of our study we have looked at **2 rooms**: the Holy of Holies and the Holy Place; **5 pieces of furniture**: the Ark of the Covenant, the Mercy Seat, the Table of Showbread, the Golden Lampstand, and the Golden Altar of Incense.

LUKE 24:27-45; JOHN 5:46; HEBREWS 10:7 the Bible is clearly all about Jesus, therefore the Tabernacle plainly speaks of Him with incredible types:

- Made of shittim (acacia) wood – speaking of Jesus’ Humanity
- Overlaid with gold – Jesus’ Deity
- Crown moldings – Jesus as King and Priest
- And many other details...

THE TABERNACLE FRAMEWORK

EXODUS 26:15-30 we are going to skip ahead in God’s revelation to pick up the framework; in the first fourteen verses of this chapter God describes the curtains and coverings which will be draped over the framework, so we will study the framework first:

Overview of the Tabernacle Framework:

- 48 boards made of shittim wood and overlaid with gold
- 96 sockets of silver to hold the boards
- 5 bars braced each of the 3 closed sides
- 5 pillars uphold the curtain door at the entrance
- 4 pillars uphold the veil which separates the rooms

(v15) *‘And thou shalt make boards for the tabernacle of shittim wood standing up.’* The wood of the boards speaks to us once again of Jesus, Whom the Bible calls *‘the Branch’* (ISAIAH 11:1-4; ZECHARIAH 3:8; 6:12,13). This *‘Branch’* was to be *‘cut off out of the land of the living’* (ISAIAH 53:8). Jesus is the *‘root and offspring of David’* (ISAIAH 53:1,2; REVELATION 22:16). The shittim (acacia) wood was called incorruptible or non-decaying, it speaks to us of Jesus’ sinless humanity (HEBREWS 7:26; PSALM 16:9,10).

The boards were to be *‘standing up’* around the Throne of God, standing in His presence. The Bible gives those who are *‘upright’* the same promises (PSALM 140:4-13). The believer in Christ is promised victory if he *‘stands in Christ’* (EPHESIANS 6:10-18; 1 THESSALONIANS 3:7-13; 1 PETER 5:1-12). Jesus is constantly at work in our lives, and we are privileged to stand upright, in His Grace and His Presence.

(v16) *‘Ten cubits shall be the length of a board, and a cubit and a half shall be the breadth of one board.’* Each board was approximately 15ft. high x 2ft. wide; the boards were also to be overlaid with gold (EXODUS 26:29). Each one of the 48 boards were to: Stand upright; have one Divine measurement; and be overlaid with gold.

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As we apply this to the church of Jesus today, we will learn much. God has one Divine measurement, one Divine standard, if one is to be a *‘board’* in the Body of Christ:

EPHESIANS 4:11-16 *‘Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.’*

2 CORINTHIANS 10:12-18 we are never told to measure ourselves by one another, but we are to measure up to God’s standard, the Lord Jesus Christ. *‘For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise...For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth.’*

The 48 boards of the Tabernacle are Divinely measured, cut, and overlaid with gold; together they make up one Tabernacle. The church, Divinely measured and partakers of the Divine nature (2 PETER 1:3,4), has many members but is one Body: **1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-28; ROMANS 15:1-7**. How beautiful it is when we as One Body glorify our Head, Jesus Christ!

(v17) *‘Two tenons [projections] shall there be in one board, set in order one against another: thus shalt thou make for all the boards of the tabernacle.’* Each board had *‘two tenons’* at the bottom which connected them to the silver bases; the Hebrew word is ‘yad’ which is translated *‘hand’* 1359x in the KJV.

JOHN 10:25-30 *‘And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand. My Father, which gave them Me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father’s hand.’* The believer is literally in the *‘hands’* of God the Father and God the Son. The two tenons also speaks to us of the two facts which hold us up in the Lord:

1. Jesus’ death
2. Jesus’ resurrection

Each *‘board’* in Christ must understand that Jesus died for us, and that He now lives for us.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-4; ROMANS 5:6-10 *‘Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand...Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures... being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.’* Both *‘tenons’* are needed for us to be saved.

PHILIPPIANS 4:1 *‘Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved.’*