

SWORD MINISTRIES (Ephesians 6:17)

THE TABERNACLE CURTAINS AND COVERINGS EXODUS 26:1-14

there were four layers used to cover the Tabernacle, the *'ten fine linen curtains'* were the first layer over the framework and would cover the Tabernacle's three closed sides and would also be the ceiling inside. Next, the *'eleven goats' hair curtains'* were laid directly over the linen curtains. The final two coverings were the *'rams' skins dyed red'* and on top of those was the covering of *'badgers' skins.'*

(vv1-6) '10 fine twined linen curtains' *Fine linen* - speaks of Christ's righteousness and the believer's righteousness in Him. *Blue* - Jesus is the Lord from Heaven; *Purple* - Jesus is King of kings; *Scarlet* - Jesus' substitutionary death, the color of blood; *Cherubim* - always guarding the Throne of God.

(vv7-13) '11 goats' hair curtains' goats were used primarily for a sin offering. The curtains speak of our sin offering, the Lord Jesus Christ who gave Himself for our sins.

DEUTERONOMY 21:22,23 Jesus became a curse for us that we might be free forever. The Old Testament contained the law of execution, *'...for he who is hanged is accursed of God.'*

GALATIANS 3:1-14 Paul is refuting false teachers of his day; we began this walk of the new life in the Holy Spirit, and now Paul asks *'Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?'* The only righteousness we have before God's Throne is the imputed righteousness of Christ applied to us, *'Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.'* Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament verse quoted above as He became a curse for us. *'Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree.'*

GALATIANS 4 (vv1-11) today, because of what Jesus has done, we are free in Him, which is what the *'fifty taches of brass'* in the goats' hair curtains speak of. As we have studied previously, *'fifty'* is the number of jubilee, freedom, when all possessions were to be returned to the original owners and all slaves were to be set free. Therefore, we do not turn back to the old laws *'But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?'* (vv21-31) the Holy Spirit inspires Paul to tell us that we are free because Jesus has paid the entire price of our sin debt to an infinitely Holy God. *'So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.'* The goats' hair curtains speak to us of our sin offering, the fifty clasps speak of our freedom in Christ.

GALATIANS 5 (vv1-6) due to what Jesus has done, our lives in Him should look radically different from those who are not saved *'It was for freedom that Christ set*

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us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.' (NASB) (vv13-18) we should be living lives of freedom that manifests itself in becoming a servant, *'For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.'* (vv22-26) Since Jesus has paid our entire sin debt once and for all time, we are now free to live in the Spirit, *'If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.'*

ROMANS 8:1-18 *'There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.'* Our new lives in Christ are devoid of any possibility of condemnation! *'For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.'* This verse promises direct action by the Holy Spirit in our lives as He will lead, guide, and accompany you; the very real and active presence of God in our lives. The first two layers of curtains in the Tabernacle speak to us of our righteousness in Christ, and our freedom in Him, our Sin Offering. Praise Jesus!

EXODUS 26:14 *'And thou shalt make a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering above of badgers' skins.'* The final two coverings are included in this verse.

Layer #3 'rams' skins dyed red' **GENESIS 22** the first place the ram shows up in Scripture is at the offering of Isaac. This event clearly reveals the offering of Jesus by His Father a couple thousand years in advance: (vv1-4) to Abraham's mind, Isaac was already dead for three days (**1 CORINTHIANS 15:4**) (vv5,6) cross reference **JOHN 19:7**; **ISAIAH 53:6** (vv7,8) *'And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering'* what a breathtaking verse as Jesus would indeed be giving Himself as the Lamb of God (**JOHN 1:29**); **1 PETER 1:19,20** (vv9-14) the ram is substituted in the place of Isaac, plainly revealing what Jesus would do for us as He died in our place, He took our eternal punishment! The *'rams' skins dyed red'* speaks to us of Jesus' substitutionary death for us.

Layer #4 'badgers' skins' this was a covering of protection for all the desert storms the Tabernacle would be subject to. This was not a covering for beauty, it was for preservation; it was what those on the outside would see, not understanding the beauty of the gold within. **ISAIAH 53:1-3** to the natural eye there is nothing beautiful about Jesus, but to the believer, we understand that He is more valuable than anything else! Jesus is our covering, our protection **ISAIAH 53:4-6; 61:10,11**

FOUR COVERINGS: fine linen (righteousness); goats' hair (sin offering); rams' skins dyed red (substitution); badgers' skins (protection). Jesus has done it all!

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