

The Eightfold Significance of the Tabernacle (Summary)

From Exodus Week 46

Exodus26:1 Now the tabernacle you shall make with ten curtains of fine twined linen and blue and purple and scarlet strands; you shall make them with cherubim, the work of a skillful workman. 7 And you shall make curtains of goats' hair for a tent over the tabernacle; eleven curtains you shall make. 14 And you shall make a covering for the tent, of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering of porpoise skins above it. 19 And you shall make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards, two sockets under one board for its two tenons and two sockets under the next board for its two tenons. 20 And for the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side, twenty boards; 21 And their forty sockets of silver, two sockets under one board and two sockets under the next board. 23 And two boards you shall make for the corners of the tabernacle in the rear. 24 And they shall be double below, and at its top they shall be completely joined to a single ring; thus it shall be for both of them; they shall be for the two corners. 26 And you shall make bars of acacia wood, five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle, 27 And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle at the rear westward. 28 And the middle bar shall pass through in the center of the boards from end to end. 29 And you shall overlay the boards with gold, and make their rings of gold as holders for the bars; and you shall overlay the bars with gold.

Exodus36:36-38 And he made for it four pillars of acacia and overlaid them with gold; their hooks were of gold. And he cast for them four sockets of silver. And he made a screen for the entrance of the tent, ... And its five pillars with their hooks....

Ephesians1:7 In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of offenses, according to the riches of His grace.

Revelation3:12 He who overcomes, him I will make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall by no means go out anymore, and I will write upon him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which descends out of heaven from My God, and My new name.

① We must always be balanced by the number two. Not only do we have two feet, but we also have two hands, two arms, two shoulders, and even two ears and two eyes. Everything is in twos for balance. . . . If anything stands alone, it will lose its balance. We must always be checked, tested, and confirmed by others so that we may have the balance. Otherwise, we will be peculiar and will go to an extreme.

Imbalance is one of the main problems of your humanity. The fine-grained wheat flour typifies Lord Jesus' humanity, as He is extremely well balanced. There is a need for you to take the balance through your spiritual partner and or spouse. In such time you should not be stubborn, but open yourself to the Lord and the brothers and sisters, call upon the Lord's name, and be a partaker of the Lord's humanity. For example, the action force will disappear if you are over cautious, however, the Lord blends particularly well with the person who are cautious and with action force. Do not think such limit of church life as an annoying thing, you should consider it to be your salvation.

② The fourth layer, the outermost layer, was a covering of porpoise skins. These porpoise skins typify Christ as the One who is able to withstand any attack. They also signify that toward Satan, the principalities, and the demons, Christ is rough and tough. Christ . . . as the porpoise skin He enables us to stand against Satan and all his attacks. He also protects God's dwelling place from storms, rain, and snow. Water . . . it is impossible for it to penetrate the layer of porpoise skins. . . . In the face of Satan's attack, He truly is rough and tough.

In church life, the primary thing is to enjoy the Lord. After that, you will be strengthened in the Lord, for the need of fighting the spiritual war. Christian life is a life of feast and at the same time a life of war, you need to understand that you are now in the midst of war. Satan in the war, attacks the church and the brothers and sisters who are building the church. In such a situation, you can experience Christ as the rough and tough porpoise skin. There is no need to fear the storm from Satan. Because Christ as the porpoise skin will protect you. For example, your friends and relatives invite you to go somewhere with them in the morning of the Lord's day, but they criticize you for turning them down. In order to build up the church, you meant to undergo hardship, you need to experience the porpoise skin and be impervious to criticism.

MATERIAL	OUTLINE	MEANINGS
1.the Silver Sockets	We need to see and experience the redemption of Christ.	【Silver】 The church is built on the basis of the redemption of Christ. 【the Weight】 The redemption of Christ as the solid base(stability) for the believers’ standing in God’s dwelling place。
2.the Gold, the Manifestation within	We need to see and experience the manifestation of the divine nature.	【Gold】The divine nature with the divine life of Christ, which is God Himself. 【Manifestation】We, who is the church, manifest, express, and show to others should be nothing other than the glorious divine nature of Christ.
3.the Acacia Wood	We need to see and experience the transformed human nature.	【Acacia Wood】 Signifying the transformed human nature. With the building of the church, the divine nature depends greatly upon our human nature. 【the Standing Strength】 The standing strength needed for the tabernacle is with the human nature overlaid, that is, transformed, with the divine nature and the divine life of Christ.
4.The two Tenons	We need a firm and unshakable standing in the Body, and we must always be willing to be balanced by others.	【Tenons】 Our complete faith in Christ’s redemption, which gives us a firm and unshakable standing. 【Two】 We must always be checked, tested, and confirmed by others that we may have the balance.
5.The Boards	Each member of the Body needs to be completed for the building up of the church, and there is the need for reinforcing when a turn in the Lord’s move is made.	【the Width】 Every believer as a half unit needs to be matched by another to form a complete unit of three cubits for the building of God’s dwelling place. 【the Corner Boards】at each turn in the Lord’s move, there is a need for doubling, strengthening, reinforcing.

6.the Bars	We must be joined with others by the Holy Spirit and in the Holy Spirit with the holding power of the divine nature.	<p>【 Golden Bars】 All the boards of the tabernacle were joined together within the gold and by the golden bars.</p> <p>【 Five Bars】 The Spirit of the Triune God, who takes the full responsibility for God’s building by mingling His divine nature with the human nature.</p>
7.the Covering	God’s building, the church, is covered by a “fourfold” Christ (the covering of the tabernacle consisted of four layers).	<p>【1st Layer】 <u>Fine twined linen</u> signifies the fine living of Christ manifested through sufferings and trials;..., that the glory and beauty of the Lord Jesus in His humanity cover, protect, and embrace all His believers as the church.</p> <p>【2nd Layer】 <u>The goats’ hair</u>, typifies Christ as the One who was made sin for us and who died on the cross for our sins.</p> <p>【3rd Layer】 <u>The rams’ skins dyed red</u>, typifies Christ as the One who accomplished redemption by dying and shedding His blood to meet God’s need and ours.</p> <p>【4th Layer】 <u>the porpoise skins</u> protected the tabernacle from storms and rain, signifying that Christ as our covering enables us to stand against Satan and all his attacks.</p>
8. the Pillars	We need to become pillars in the Triune God, signified by the nine pillars in the tabernacle; at the entrance to the tabernacle five pillars supported the screen, and at the entrance to the Holy of Holies four pillars supported the veil.	Because the overcomer is a pillar built into God’s building, he shall by no means go out anymore. And that what God is, the nature of the New Jerusalem, and the person of the Lord have all been wrought into the overcomer. This promise, as a prize to the overcomer, will be fulfilled in the millennial kingdom, whereas the New Jerusalem in the new heaven and new earth will be the common portion of all the redeemed for eternity.