



## EPISODE 14: THE STRUCTURE

### THE BOARDS & THEIR FOUNDATIONS

#### “DRAWING” ON YOUR IDEAS



There were many valuable materials, like silver and gold, used in the tabernacle. Some of these precious metals that decorated the furniture were very visible, but some were used for the walls and foundations. Prior to watching the video, make a prediction as to why a more common material wasn't used.

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#### WATCH & FILL-IN-THE-BLANKS

1. God describes the creation of the whole universe in about 50 \_\_\_\_\_ ; for the tabernacle, He takes 50 \_\_\_\_\_ !
2. God is constructing a glorious home for Himself, built out of \_\_\_\_\_ —living stones—and portrayed in this magnificent tabernacle.
3. A piece of timber is very weak by itself, but gains strength by having a good \_\_\_\_\_ , and by being \_\_\_\_\_ to other pieces. So it was with the tabernacle, and so it is with God's \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. The silver given by more than 600,000 men came to \_\_\_\_\_ tons! Most of this was used for the \_\_\_\_\_ . The rest of the silver was used for the silver \_\_\_\_\_ on the pillars of the courts.

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5. The One who laid Himself down to be the \_\_\_\_\_ has also been lifted up to be the \_\_\_\_\_ !

6. As part of Christ’s “mystical” Body (the Church), we, like those boards, can now allow the beauty of the Lord to \_\_\_\_\_ through us.

**READ & REFLECT ON:** Ex 26:15-25; Ex 30:11-16; 2 Sam 24:10-25; Mt 17:24-27

What thoughts stand out as you read these portions of Scripture? How do these thoughts relate to this study and your life?

**ACTIVITY: THINKING IT THROUGH**

Examine these major stories about the tax of **silver**. We see the silver used for the *tabernacle*, for the *purchase of land for the temple*, and in the interaction between *Peter and the Lord Jesus*. What connections do you see between these stories on the topic of redemption?



*Tyrian shekel of Alexander Balas, 152/1–145 BC*

• SILVER CONNECTIONS IN THE BIBLE •

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**SOME HELPFUL QUOTES**

“Every man had to give for himself. They shall give every man a ransom for their souls. In this matter the rich could not give for the poor, but every man for himself was to be brought into distinct and personal relationship with God as to his ransom or redemption. Unless the money of each one numbered was represented in the silver sockets, he could not be regarded as redeemed. It is so now. Every one must have a personal interest in the blood of Christ or he cannot be saved. The prayers of another will not of themselves save him, unless he is thereby, in the grace of God, led to know for himself Christ as the Redeemer. It is my own guilt, my own

sins, that need to be cleansed away, and hence, unless I am under the value of the blood of Christ for myself, I am still exposed to the just judgment of a holy God.”

—**Edward Dennett** (*Typical Teachings of Exodus*, p 329)

“The boards of the Tabernacle stood side by side; each of them had its own tenons that held it steadfastly on the sockets, and yet the boards were bound together into one united structure. The building was distinctly said to be ‘one tabernacle’ (Ex. 26:6). Now each true believer on the Lord Jesus has his own story of grace to tell; each one of us has obtained ‘like precious faith’ (2 Pet. 1:1) to that of every other Christian, and yet we are all so joined to each other that ‘there is one body’ (Eph. 4:4).”

—**Leonard Sheldrake** (*Tabernacle Types and Shadows*, p 38)

“Redemption brings us to, and fits us for God. The Israelite, who paid his ransom money, was numbered as a soldier and a servant of God. A place was assigned to him in the battlefield: and he had his position in the camp, appointed with reference to the tabernacle, the dwelling-place of God in the midst of the hosts... In like manner, the believer is redeemed to God, by the blood of Christ, from the world, and from slavery to sin and Satan; that he may be a soldier and a servant of the Most High; to be led, guided, and sustained by Him, who called him out of darkness, into His marvellous light.”

—**Henry W. Soltau** (*An Exposition of the Tabernacle*, p 89)

“It is a foundational provision and requirement for the true church of God that every believer should stand on the ransom that Christ has provided for our souls. We are redeemed, ‘not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ’ (1 Pet 1:18–19). Here is the basis of all Christian unity; to be a true child of God we must each be ‘standing’ on the precious blood of Christ as our ransom, for Christ gave himself a ransom for all (1 Tim 2:6). Only those who in true repentance and faith receive Christ and take their stand upon his redeeming blood are ransomed. It is a source of serious weakness if the church forgets to proclaim that membership of the house of God depends on an individual’s acceptance of the ransom and taking his and her stand on the redeeming blood of Christ.”

—**David Gooding** (Myrtlefield.com “*The Approach to God*”)

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Identify and explain the idea that was most profound or most helpful to you in this fourteenth lesson. What questions do you have from this lesson?
2. Describe the relationship between the boards and their foundations and the practical lessons we can learn from these.
3. What materials were the boards and their foundations made of, and how does that impact our understanding of these components?
4. How does the source of the redemption silver add meaning to your understanding of this lesson?