Ropes And Pins

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... " all the pins of the court, shall be brass (Exod.27:19b.)
"The pins of the tabernacle, and the pins of the court, and their cords" (Ex.35:18)

The tabernacle in the wilderness, though portable and constructed without nails, screws, hinges, or glue was a structure so sturdy that it withstood the howling storms of the wilderness for forty long years.

The most secure place in all the camp of Israel was the tabernacle, and we believe that this is what David sings when his says:

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; i Him Zi trust.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation." (Psa.91: 1,2,7, 9).

The free rendering of this verse might well be read as follows:

"He that dwelleth in the holy place of the most High shall abide under the wings of the cherubim.

In the holy place of God's tabernacle, under the over-shadowing figures of the cherubim with outstretched wings, under the blood, the priest was safe and secure from every ill danger.

The priest in the tabernacle becomes a figure of the believer who is in the Lord Christ, and those who are in the Lord Christ are forever safe and eternally secure. (Read pg.64)

The Pins and the Cords

It was still further made secure by a large number of tent pins driven deeply into the ground all around the tabernacle proper,

Ropes were passed tightly over the roof of badgers' skins, and secured to the pins on each side and back of the tabernacle. These ropes, attaché to the tent pins in the ground, made the entire structure absolutely rigid and secure.

Just like for forty years it was secure, the list therefore, inside secure itself was secure. The believer n Christ - -is Also secure. - after all he/she is in Christ!

Reason For The Security

These tents pins are called "nails". In (Isiah 22:23-24) they are called "stakes." A direct reference, Christ

The pins or nails, therefore points to the Lord Jesus Christ in securing the believer in Himself.

They were made of brass, resistant to rust and corrosion, not affected by the elements of the dessert.

Speaking of the incorruptible life and death of our Lord Jesus in bearing the judgement of Almighty God for our sins.

The part beneath ground - symbol of the death of Christ The part above the ground suggests His resurrection.

The pins are buried, but also rise above the ground in order to make us secure.

Death Insufficient

If therefore, the Lord Jesus Christ had merely died, and remained in the tomb, even though He had paid for all ours sins, all of it would have been in vain, for death is te penalty for sin. If one single sin had remained unpaid for by the Lord Jesus Christ, He would still be holden in the bonds of death.

One sin will bring eternal death - "the wages of sin is death" "sin" One single sin means death.

God cursed Adam and all humanity and all creation in the Garden of Eden.

These brass pins were buried deeply into the ground, with upper parts of them above the ground, and here we have the ground of our entire security in the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Resurrection

The resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, therefore, meant that every sin had been successfully paid for. Not a single sin remained untoned.

Had jesus paid for all the sins of mankind, except one, He would have still remained in death and be there today.

His resurrection proved this to all the world, when Jesus cried, "It is finished," it was indeed finished.

And now the only sin which can condemn a man today is refusal to accept as a free gift this finished salvation.

Yes the pins which makes us secure were buried in the ground, but they also rose above the ground.

It is faith in a resurrected Christ which alone can save.

It must be faith in a crucified, risen, resurrected Lord, a Savior who is truly God.

All of this is taught, therefore, by the brazen stakes of the tabernacle, and to these were attached the ropes which held down and made the building secure.

The Cords

Before concluding - we'd must add a word about the ropes which passed over the tabernacle, and were secured to the pins of brass.

These are called the "cords."

These cords or ropes held three tabernacle firmly together, and made it indestructible.

The cords speaks of the Love of Christ as being the only hope of the redeemed sinner.

(Hosea 11:4) "I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love."

We are therefore, made secure in Christ by the cords of His infinite love.

These cords speaks for the of Christ for us.

(Jn.15:13) "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend."

This Human love - is natural it has limits.

But the divine Love transcends all - (Rom.5:6&&)

"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die."

Now that the limit of human love, 'For a good man some would even dare to die." Listen to this (Rom.5:8). "But God commended His Love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners — Christ died for us."

God's Love for sinners The unloving Unloveable Unlovely (Jn.3:16) "For God so Loved the world....

We have then, in the pins of the tabernacle, the Lord Jesus Christ fulfilling the demands of a righteous God and a broken law, that by His death and resurrection He should be able to save those to the uttermost who come by faith to Him.

We are bound to God by cords of love, which indeed, are absolutely unbreakable.