

Message Ten

The Eightfold Significance of the Tabernacle

MC *Hymns*: 838, 839

Scripture Reading: Exo. 26:1-14, 19; 36:20, 22, 31-32, 36, 38

- Exo 26:1 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.
- Exo 26:2 The length of each curtain shall be twenty-eight cubits, and the width of each curtain, four cubits; all the curtains shall have the same measurement.
- Exo 26:3 Five curtains shall be joined to one another; and the other five curtains shall be joined to one another.
- Exo 26:4 And you shall make loops of blue strands on the edge of the one curtain at the end in the set; and likewise you shall make them in the edge of the outermost curtain in the second set.
- Exo 26:5 You shall make fifty loops on the one curtain, and you shall make fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that is in the second set; the loops shall be opposite one another.
- Exo 26:6 And you shall make fifty clasps of gold, and join the curtains to one another with the clasps, so that the tabernacle may become one.
- Exo 26:7 And you shall make curtains of goats' hair for a tent over the tabernacle; eleven curtains you shall make in all.
- Exo 26:8 The length of each curtain shall be thirty cubits, and the width of each curtain, four cubits; the eleven curtains shall have the same measurement.
- Exo 26:9 And you shall join five of the curtains by themselves and six of the curtains by themselves, and you shall double the sixth curtain over at the front of the tent.
- Exo 26:10 And you shall make fifty loops on the edge of the one curtain that is outermost in the set, and fifty loops upon the edge of the curtain which is outermost in the second set.
- Exo 26:11 And you shall make fifty clasps of bronze and put the clasps into the loops and join the tent together, so that it may become one.
- Exo 26:12 And the overlapping part that is left over of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that is left over, shall hang over the back of the tabernacle.
- Exo 26:13 And the cubit on the one side and the cubit on the other side, of what is left over in the length of the curtains of the tent, shall hang over the sides of the tabernacle, on this side and on that side, to cover it.
- Exo 26:14 And you shall make a covering for the tent, of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering of porpoise skins above it.
- Exo 26:19 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.
- Exo 36:20 And he made the boards for the tabernacle of acacia wood, standing up.
- Exo 36:22 Each board had two tenons joined to one another; thus he did for all the boards of the tabernacle.
- Exo 36:31 And he made bars of acacia wood, five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle
- Exo 36:32 And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle at the rear westward.
- Exo 36:36 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.
- Exo 36:38 And its five pillars with their hooks. And he overlaid their capitals and their connecting rods with gold, and their five sockets were of bronze.

I. We need to see and experience the redemption of Christ:

- A. The one hundred silver sockets, upon which the entire tabernacle rested, signify that the church is built on the basis of the redemption of Christ and rests on the ascended Christ experienced by us—Exo. 26:19; 36:24, 26, 30, 36; 38:27.
- Exo 26:19 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.
- Exo 36:24 And he made 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.
- Exo 36:26 And their forty sockets of silver, two sockets under one board and two sockets under the next board.
- Exo 36:30 And there were eight boards with their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets, two sockets under every board.
- Exo 36:36 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.
- Exo 38:27 And the hundred talents of silver were for casting the sockets of the sanctuary and the sockets of the veil; one hundred sockets for the hundred talents, a talent for a socket.
- B. Sockets signify stability for standing; each socket was made of a talent (approximately one hundred pounds) of silver (v. 27), signifying the redemption of Christ as the solid base for the believers' standing in God's dwelling place (John 14:2-3 and footnote 2 on verse 3).
- Exo 38:27 And the hundred talents of silver were for casting the sockets of the sanctuary and the sockets of the veil; one hundred sockets for the hundred talents, a talent for a socket.
- John 14:2 In My Father's house are many abodes; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.
- John 14:3 And if I go and ²prepare a place for you, I am coming again and will receive you to Myself, so that where I am you also may be.
- note 2 The Lord's intention in this chapter was to bring man into God for the building of His dwelling place. But between man and God there were many obstacles, such as sin, sins, death, the world, the flesh, the self, the old man, and Satan. For the Lord to bring man into God, He had to solve all these problems. Therefore, He had to go to the cross to accomplish redemption that He might open the way and make a standing for man, that man might enter into God. This standing in God, being enlarged, becomes the standing in the Body of Christ. Anyone who does not have a standing, a place, in God does not have a place in the Body of Christ, which is God's dwelling place. Hence, the Lord's going in order to accomplish redemption was to prepare a place in His Body for the disciples.

II. We need to see and experience the manifestation of the divine nature:

- A. The foundation of the tabernacle was of silver, but the manifestation within the tabernacle was the gold; gold signifies the divine nature with the divine life of Christ, which is God Himself—Exo. 36:13, 34, 36, 38; 37:1-28.
- Exo 36:13 And he made fifty clasps of gold and joined the curtains to one another with the clasps; so the tabernacle became one.
- Exo 36:34 And he overlaid the boards with gold and made their rings of gold as holders for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.
- Exo 36:36 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.
- Exo 36:38 And its five pillars with their hooks. And he overlaid their capitals and their connecting rods with gold, and their five sockets were of bronze.
- Exo 37:1 And Bezalel made the Ark of acacia wood: two and a half cubits was its length; and one and a half cubits, its width; and one and a half cubits, its height.
- Exo 37:2 And he overlaid it with pure gold inside and outside, and made a rim of gold around it.
- Exo 37:3 And he cast four rings of gold for it, on its four feet; and two rings were on the one side of it, and two rings on the other side of it.
- Exo 37:4 And he made poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with gold.
- Exo 37:5 And he put the poles into the rings on the sides of the Ark to carry the Ark.
- Exo 37:6 And he made an expiation cover of pure gold: two and a half cubits was its length, and one and a half cubits, its width.
- Exo 37:7 And he made two cherubim of gold; of beaten work he made them, at the two ends of the expiation cover,
- Exo 37:8 One cherub at the one end and one cherub at the other end; of one piece with the expiation cover he made the cherubim at its two ends.
- Exo 37:9 And the cherubim spread out their wings above the cover, covering the expiation cover with their wings, with their faces toward one another; the faces of the cherubim were toward the expiation cover.
- Exo 37:10 And he made the table of acacia wood: two cubits was its length, and a cubit its width, and one and a half cubits its height.
- Exo 37:11 And he overlaid it with pure gold and made a rim of gold around it.
- Exo 37:12 And he made a frame of a handbreadth around it, and he made a rim of gold for its frame around it.
- Exo 37:13 And he cast for it four rings of gold and put the rings on the four corners that were on its four feet.

- Exo 37:14 The rings were close to the frame as holders for the poles to carry the table.
 Exo 37:15 And he made the poles of acacia wood to carry the table and overlaid them with gold.
 Exo 37:16 And he made the utensils which were to be upon the table: its plates and its cups and its bowls and its pitchers with which to pour out drink offerings, of pure gold.
 Exo 37:17 And he made the lampstand of pure gold. He made the lampstand with its base and its shaft of beaten work; its cups, its calyxes, and its blossom buds were of one piece with it.
 Exo 37:18 And there were six branches going out of its sides; three branches of the lampstand out of one of its sides, and three branches of the lampstand out of its other side;
 Exo 37:19 Three cups made like almond blossoms in one branch, a calyx and a blossom bud; and three cups made like almond blossoms in the other branch, a calyx and a blossom bud—so for the six branches going out of the lampstand.
 Exo 37:20 And on the lampstand were four cups made like almond blossoms, its calyxes and its blossom buds;
 Exo 37:21 And a calyx under two branches of one piece with it, and a calyx under two branches of one piece with it, and a calyx under two branches of one piece with it, for the six branches going out of it.
 Exo 37:22 Their calyxes and their branches were of one piece with it; all of it was one beaten work of pure gold.
 Exo 37:23 And he made its seven lamps and its tongs, and its firepans, of pure gold.
 Exo 37:24 He made it of a talent of pure gold, and all its utensils.
 Exo 37:25 And he made the altar of incense of acacia wood; a cubit was its length, and a cubit, its width, square; and two cubits, its height; its horns were of one piece with it.
 Exo 37:26 And he overlaid it with pure gold, its top and its sides around it and its horns; and he made a rim of gold around it.
 Exo 37:27 And he made for it two golden rings under its rim, on its two sides, on its opposite sides, as holders for poles with which to carry it.
 Exo 37:28 And he made the poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with gold.
 B. Within the church, the building of God, what must be manifested is not the works, the doings of God, but the nature and life of God; what we manifest, express, and show to others should be nothing other than the glorious divine nature of Christ—2 Pet. 1:4.
 2 Pet 1:4 Through which He has granted to us precious and exceedingly great promises that through these you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption which is in the world by lust.

III. We need to see and experience the transformed human nature:

- A. The gold of the tabernacle overlaid the acacia wood, signifying the transformed human nature—Exo. 36:20, 31, 36; 37:1, 4.
 Exo 36:20 And he made the boards for the tabernacle of acacia wood, standing up.
 Exo 36:31 And he made bars of acacia wood, five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle
 Exo 36:36 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.
 Exo 37:1 And Bezalel made the Ark of acacia wood: two and a half cubits was its length; and one and a half cubits, its width; and one and a half cubits, its height.
 Exo 37:4 And he made poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with gold.
 B. With the building of the church, the divine nature depends greatly upon our human nature; the standing strength for the gold was with the acacia wood.
 C. 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; the divine nature and the human nature must be mingled together.

IV. We need a firm and unshakable standing in the Body, and we must always be willing to be balanced by others:

- A. The two tenons, which fit into the two sockets under each board, may signify our complete faith in Christ's redemption, which gives us a firm and unshakable standing—26:19; 36:22; 2 Cor. 1:24; Rom. 5:2; Gal. 5:1.

- Exo 26:19 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.
- Exo 36:22 Each board had two tenons joined to one another; thus he did for all the boards of the tabernacle.
- 2 Cor 1:24 Not that we lord it over your faith, but we are fellow workers with you for your joy; for by faith you stand.
- Rom 5:2 Through whom also we have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand and boast because of the hope of the glory of God.
- Gal 5:1 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free; stand fast therefore, and do not be entangled with a yoke of slavery again.
- B. Furthermore, two tenons are for balance; we always have to be balanced by others.
 - C. We must always be checked, tested, and confirmed by others that we may have the balance; otherwise, we will be peculiar and will go to an extreme.

V. 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:

- A. The width of each of the boards of the tabernacle was one and a half cubits (Exo. 36:21), indicating a half measurement of three cubits.
- Exo 36:21 Ten cubits was the length of a board, and one and a half cubits, the width of each board.
- B. This signifies that 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.
 - C. We must remember that we always need another member to make us complete in the principle of the Body—cf. 1 Cor. 1:1.
- 1 Cor 1:1 Paul, a called apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, and Sosthenes the brother,
- D. The doubling of the corner boards (Exo. 26:24) signifies that at each turn in the Lord's move, there is a need for doubling, strengthening, reinforcing; for example, at Antioch there was a turn to the Gentile world, and Barnabas and Saul were doubled and strengthened to become corner boards for the building of the church—Acts 13:2, 46.
- Exo 26:24 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.
- Acts 13:2 And as they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, Set apart for Me now Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.
- Acts 13:46 And Paul and Barnabas spoke boldly and said, It was necessary for the word of God to be spoken to you first. Since you thrust it away and do not judge yourselves worthy of eternal life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.

VI. We must be joined with others by the Holy Spirit and in the Holy Spirit with the holding power of the divine nature:

- A. All the boards of the tabernacle (Exo. 26:15-30) were joined together within the gold and by the golden bars; in other words, they were in the divine nature and divine life of Christ.
- Exo 26:15 And you shall make the boards for the tabernacle of acacia wood, standing up.
- Exo 26:16 Ten cubits shall be the length of a board, and one and a half cubits, the width of each board.
- Exo 26:17 Each board shall have two tenons, joined to one another; thus you shall do for all the boards of the tabernacle.
- Exo 26:18 And you shall make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards for the south side southward.
- Exo 26:19 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.
- Exo 26:20 And for the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side, twenty boards;
- Exo 26:21 And their forty sockets of silver, two sockets under one board and two sockets under the next board.
- Exo 26:22 And for the rear of the tabernacle westward you shall make six boards.
- Exo 26:23 And two boards you shall make for the corners of the tabernacle in the rear.
- Exo 26:24 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.
- Exo 26:25 And there shall be eight boards with their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets; two sockets under one board and two sockets under the next board.
- Exo 26:26 And you shall make bars of acacia wood, five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle,
- Exo 26:27 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.
- Exo 26:28 And the middle bar shall pass through in the center of the boards from end to end.
- Exo 26:29 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.
- Exo 26:30 And you shall set up the tabernacle according to its plan, which you were shown in the mountain.
- B. According to Exodus 36:31-32, there were five bars on the south side, five bars on the north side, and five bars on the west side; the three groups of bars (representing the uniting Spirit) indicate that this Spirit is the Spirit of the Triune God.
- Exo 36:31 And he made bars of acacia wood, five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle
- Exo 36:32 And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle at the rear westward.
- C. Furthermore, five is the number of responsibility; therefore, the bars signify the Spirit of the Triune God, who takes the full responsibility for God's building by mingling His divine nature with the human nature.

VII. God's building, the church, is covered by a "fourfold" Christ (the covering of the tabernacle consisted of four layers)—26:1-14; 36:8-19:

- Exo 26:1 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.
- Exo 26:2 The length of each curtain shall be twenty-eight cubits, and the width of each curtain, four cubits; all the curtains shall have the same measurement.
- Exo 26:3 Five curtains shall be joined to one another; and the other five curtains shall be joined to one another.
- Exo 26:4 And you shall make loops of blue strands on the edge of the one curtain at the end in the set; and likewise you shall make them in the edge of the outermost curtain in the second set.
- Exo 26:5 You shall make fifty loops on the one curtain, and you shall make fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that is in the second set; the loops shall be opposite one another.
- Exo 26:6 And you shall make fifty clasps of gold, and join the curtains to one another with the clasps, so that the tabernacle may become one.
- Exo 26:7 And you shall make curtains of goats' hair for a tent over the tabernacle; eleven curtains you shall make in all.
- Exo 26:8 The length of each curtain shall be thirty cubits, and the width of each curtain, four cubits; the eleven curtains shall have the same measurement.
- Exo 26:9 And you shall join five of the curtains by themselves and six of the curtains by themselves, and you shall double the sixth curtain over at the front of the tent.
- Exo 26:10 And you shall make fifty loops on the edge of the one curtain that is outermost in the set, and fifty loops upon the edge of the curtain which is outermost in the second set.
- Exo 26:11 And you shall make fifty clasps of bronze and put the clasps into the loops and join the tent together, so that it may become one.
- Exo 26:12 And the overlapping part that is left over of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that is left over, shall hang over the back of the tabernacle.
- Exo 26:13 And the cubit on the one side and the cubit on the other side, of what is left over in the length of the curtains of the tent, shall hang over the sides of the tabernacle, on this side and on that side, to cover it.
- Exo 26:14 And you shall make a covering for the tent, of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering of porpoise skins above it.
- Exo 36:8 And all the wise in heart among those who did the work made the tabernacle with ten curtains, of fine twined linen and blue and purple and scarlet strands, with cherubim, the work of a skillful workman. Bezalel made them.
- Exo 36:9 The length of each curtain was twenty-eight cubits, and the width of each curtain, four

cubits; all the curtains had the same measurement.

Exo 36:10 And he joined five curtains to one another, and the other five curtains he joined to one another.

Exo 36:11 And he made loops of blue strands upon the edge of the one curtain at the end in the set; likewise he made them in the edge of the outermost curtain in the second set.

Exo 36:12 He made fifty loops on the one curtain, and he made fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that was in the second set; the loops were opposite one another.

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Exo 36:15 The length of each curtain was thirty cubits, and the width of each curtain, four cubits; the eleven curtains had the same measurement.

Exo 36:16 And he joined five of the curtains by themselves, and six of the curtains by themselves.

Exo 36:17 And he made fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that was outermost in the set, and fifty loops he made upon the edge of the curtain which was outermost in the second set.

Exo 36:18 And he made fifty clasps of bronze to join the tent together, that it might become one.

Exo 36:19 And he made a covering for the tent, of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering of porpoise skins above it.

- A. The first and innermost layer of covering, forming the ceiling of the tabernacle was made of fine twined linen and blue and purple and scarlet strands with cherubim:
 - 1. Fine twined linen signifies the fine living of Christ manifested through sufferings and trials; this layer was also a protection for the standing boards and all the contents of the tabernacle, signifying that the glory and beauty of the Lord Jesus in His humanity (cf. 28:2) cover, protect, and embrace all His believers as the church.
Exo 28:2 And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty.
 - 2. Furthermore, this Christ bears the heavenly character (blue), the kingship, the authority of heaven (purple), the redemption (scarlet), and the glory of God (the cherubim).
- B. The second layer of covering, the goats' hair (26:7), typifies Christ as the One who was made sin for us (2 Cor. 5:21) and who died on the cross for our sins (1 Cor. 15:3; 1 Pet. 2:24; 3:18); goats signify sinners (Matt. 25:33, 41), and goats' hair signifies the sins of sinners; thus, goats' hair as a covering on the tabernacle signifies Christ's being made sin for us in His redemptive work (2 Cor. 5:21).

Exo 26:7 And you shall make curtains of goats' hair for a tent over the tabernacle; eleven curtains you shall make in all.

2 Cor 5:21 Him who did not know sin He made sin on our behalf that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

1 Cor 15:3 For I delivered to you, first of all, that which also I received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures;

1 Pet 2:24 Who Himself bore up our sins in His body on the tree, in order that we, having died to sins, might live to righteousness; by whose bruise you were healed.

1 Pet 3:18 For Christ also has suffered once for sins, the Righteous on behalf of the unrighteous, that He might bring you to God, on the one hand being put to death in the flesh, but on the other, made alive in the spirit;

Matt 25:33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand and the goats on the left.

Matt 25:41 Then He will say also to those on the left, Go away from Me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

- C. The third layer of covering, the rams' skins dyed red (Exo. 26:14a), typifies Christ as the One who accomplished redemption by dying and shedding His blood to meet God's need and ours (Heb. 9:12-14; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; Col. 1:14).
 - Exo 26:14a And you shall make a covering for the tent, of rams' skins dyed red, ...
 - Heb 9:12 And not through the blood of goats and calves but through His own blood, entered once for all into the Holy of Holies, obtaining an eternal redemption.
 - Heb 9:13 For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who are defiled sanctifies to the purity of the flesh,
 - Heb 9:14 How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

- 1 Pet 1:18 Knowing that it was not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, that you were redeemed from your vain manner of life handed down from your fathers,
- 1 Pet 1:19 But with precious blood, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot, the blood of Christ;
- Col 1:14 In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins;
- D. The fourth layer of covering, the porpoise skins (Exo. 26:14b), signifies that Christ is without comeliness or beauty (Isa. 53:2); the covering of porpoise skins protected the tabernacle from storms and rain, signifying that Christ as our covering enables us to stand against Satan and all his attacks.
- Exo 26:14b ... and a covering of porpoise skins above it.
- Isa 53:2 For He grew up like a tender plant before Him, / And like a root out of dry ground. / He has no attracting form nor majesty that we should look upon Him, / Nor beautiful appearance that we should desire Him.

VIII. We need to become pillars in the Triune God (Rev. 3:12; cf. 21:22), 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 (Exo. 36:36, 38):

- Rev 3:12 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.
- Rev 21:22 And I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.
- Exo 36:36 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.
- Exo 36:38 And its five pillars with their hooks. And he overlaid their capitals and their connecting rods with gold, and their five sockets were of bronze.
- A. The pillars at the entrance of the tabernacle and those within the tabernacle provide entrances for sinners to be saved into God's dwelling place and then to be terminated so that they may come into God's Holy of Holies to enjoy God Himself in His fullness.
- B. Revelation 3:12 says, "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":
- Rev 3:12 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. Because the overcomer is a pillar built into God's building, he shall by no means go out anymore.
 2. That the name of God, the name of the New Jerusalem, and the name of the Lord are written upon the overcomer indicates that what God is, the nature of the New Jerusalem, and the person of the Lord have all been wrought into the overcomer.
 3. 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.