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Colors

Gold - The King's Tabernacle

The tabernacle that God had Moses and the children of Israel erect in the wilderness served as the place of the offerings of the High Priest and the priests. A tabernacle is a temporary dwelling place and here God manifest himself at times to the children of Israel. It was appropriately called the place of God's abode during that time.

The curtains of the tabernacle were coupled together by taches of gold: Ex. 26:5 "Fifty loops shalt thou make in the one curtain, and fifty loops shalt thou make in the edge of the curtain that is in the coupling of the second; that the loops may take hold one of another. 6 And thou shalt make fifty taches of gold, and couple the curtains together with the taches: and it shall be one tabernacle."

In many ways, the tabernacle in the wilderness was typical of the Lord's church today. The tabernacle was built under the direction of God. God gave the pattern to Moses and told him: Ex. 25:8 "And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. 9 According to all that I show thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it." Truly God was the King giving direction to the children of Israel and they were to follow those directions. They were not to deviate from them. The tabernacle was coupled together by the God of Israel.

Likewise, Christ, the King, is the builder of His church: Mat. 16:18 "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." This verse should be coupled with Ps. 127:1 "Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." This teaches us that our King Jesus gives us directions and a pattern for His house (church). We are to follow the directions and pattern he has given us for the building and worship of His house. We are not to deviate from it.