

*"And he made the staves of shittim wood,
And Overlaid Them With Gold." Exodus
37:28 KJV*

Shittim wood was a common wood, acacia, covered with sharp thorns. Every piece of wooden furniture and accessory in the Tabernacle was overlaid with gold, a symbol of tried faith. *"The trial of your Faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire."* Gold must be fired and smelted to overlay it on wood. The Tabernacle items symbolizing Christ were made of beaten gold. *"All it shall be one beaten work of pure gold."* Christ's Righteousness Is Put on our account when we believe God's Word Through Faith Delivered Thereby.



"Abraham believed God, and It Was Counted unto him for righteousness. Faith Cometh by hearing...the Word of God: And That not of yourselves; It Is The Gift of God." Man's commonness is covered with Heaven's Gold when we believe. The only visible evidence of our faith to men is the willing obedience of believers to God's Word in spite of circumstance. No vessel was fit for use in the sanctuary without being overlaid with or made of gold. Heaven's Gold is added to our account by the trial of our Faith; the smelted gold; applied to every aspect of our lives rendering our sanctuary worthy of God's Presence. The believer's body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit, including all our thoughts and, by extension, deeds should exhibit or be covered with, Faith. According to God's Word, *"whatsoever is not of Faith is sin."* If I yield to impulses of lust, I'm walking in the flesh or sin. Obeying the Word of God Through Faith is walking in the Spirit or Righteousness. We are to do *all* to the Glory of God. Did it ever occur to you that we must sleep to the glory of God? I know you probably think that is ridiculous, but how much better would you sleep and dream if you went to bed meditating on some portion of God's Word? Is the last thing you do before sleep spent watching TV? Where does that leave your thoughts? The Word tells us that *"Thou wilt keep him In Perfect Peace whose mind is stayed on Thee."* God's Word is a magnificent stress reliever! How often do we go to sleep agonizing over some problem or planning the next day? We go to sleep worried and wake up worried. Worry is nothing more than doubt induced by Satan's fiery darts! *"Faith Cometh by hearing...the Word of God"* No wonder, our Faith is weak! God said *"the evening and the morning were the first day."* That means evening is actually the start of the day. What better way to start your day than by meditating on the Wonder of our Lord's Majesty and Glory. Reminding ourselves of His Blessings and Promises will ease anxiety and strengthen Faith. Rest will be sweet and peaceful, and our awakening will be refreshed and invigorated. How much more productive are we if we get quality rest? We must be well kept *"Tabernacles."*

When resting safe within His arms,
I'm safely kept from all alarms,
No evil touches, or alarms,
I'm harbored safe from ev'ry harm. –CGP

Jesus said, *"As long as I Am in the world, I Am The Light of the world."* How is God now in the world? Through believers! *"Let your Light So Shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father Which Is In Heaven. To whom God Would Make Known What Is The Riches of the Glory of This Mystery among the Gentiles; Which Is Christ in you, the Hope of Glory."* Faith's sixth sense gives all the perception needed to know and love God!

" Now Faith Is The Substance of things hoped for, The Evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1 KJV