

Exodus Chapter 35

Reading: **Psalm 106:1-12**

Psalm 138:2 “I will worship toward Thy holy temple, and praise Thy name for Thy lovingkindness and for Thy truth: for Thou hast magnified Thy word above all Thy name.”

- The following chapters are primarily repetitive & review; not willing to skim or skip through.

Acts 20:27 “For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.”

- When God stirs the hearts of the people: The commandments of the Lord are applied.

V: 1 God has been speaking to Moses, describing the many things that would take place, now we have arrived at the implementation phase of things.

- Moses communicates God’s word and His will from God to the people.

V: 2-3 The people are about to get a shopping list of things to do, so they also get that reminder to obey the Sabbath and keep it holy.

- Those who don’t keep the Sabbath are to be put to death.
- Regarding the Sabbath, specifically – don’t kindle a fire.
- There would be that temptation to do something with the fire, then of course the need to cut wood for the fire... and on it goes.

V: 4-5 This chapter is primarily about giving: “... whosoever is of a willing heart...”

- No constraint, no pressure.

2 Corinthians 9:7 “Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.”

Mark 12:41-44 As Jesus was watching those who were giving their tithes and offerings he taught us that it’s not how much we give, it’s **how** we give it – out attitude in giving.

- Giving is intended to be an act of worship, an act of adoration.
- God has had two building for worship; the Tabernacle and the Temple, both were paid for in advance.

- When the Lord stirs the hearts of the people, the contributions of the people are abundant.

King David:

1 Chronicles 29:16-17 “¹⁶O Lord our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thine holy name cometh of thine hand, and is all thine own. ¹⁷I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people, which are present here, to offer willingly unto thee.”

V: 10-19 Wise hearted – those that are gifted and called.

- When the hearts of the people are stirred: the craftsmanship of the people is available, people get involved, they give their time.

1 Peter 4:10 “As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”

- All the giftings and talents came from the Lord.
- All the giftings, talents, and abilities were directed by God.

V: 20-21 When the hearts of the people are stirred: the commitment of the people is assured.

- Our commitments will always be tested.
- The people heard Moses and departed for their homes – and they returned – everyone as the Lord had stirred their hearts with their offerings for the Lord's work.

V: 21 “his” spirit – refers to our spirit, having a willing spirit.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 “And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

- We can do the exact same things in body and soul and it may look like we're doing it as unto the Lord – at least in appearance. It could simply be a work of the flesh – motive, doing it with a willing heart, being filled with the spirit – with a willing spirit makes all the difference.

V: 22-29 Willing-hearted, wise hearted – a willing offering: no pressure to do so.

V: 30-35 Structure & organization:

- When the hearts of the people are stirred; the choosing of the leaders is accepted by the people.

James 3:17 “But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.”

- They are filled with the Spirit and controlled by the Spirit!
- Bezaleel & Aholiab: both anointed by God for their ministry, given wisdom and understanding in all that they will do.
- And to teach others.

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- Most of what we’re reading is repetitive in nature, reviewing the details of all the things that remind us of Jesus. Ours is a God of detail.
- Spirit filled craftsman:

V: 1-7 God gave Bezaleel and Aholiab wisdom, understanding, and vision.

- God filled them with the Holy Spirit, and He gave them the ability to teach.
- Each of these men were multi-gifted.

Exodus 37:1-2 “¹And Bezaleel made the ark....²and he overlaid it with pure gold...”

Exodus 38:22-23 “²²And Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the Lord commanded Moses. ²³And with him was Aholiab, son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver, and a cunning workman, and an embroiderer in blue, and in purple, and in scarlet, and fine linen.”

- We got guys who can do carpentry, framing, finish work, and needlework...
- These gifts were and are all given by God’s grace.
- Here we see the perfect balance between wisdom and willingness.

“... in whose heart the Lord put wisdom, even every one whose heart stirred him up...”

- Where the Lord guides, He provides.

- You can see that the Lord is in this, the people bring so much that they have to be told to stop bringing their offering.

V: 5 "... which the Lord commanded to make."

Psalm 40:8 "I delight to do thy will, O my God..."

Paul is writing to the church in Corinth, a wealthy church: he's telling them about the poor church in Macedonia that sought to believe the poor saints in Judea:

2 Corinthians 8:1-5 "1Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; 2How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. 3For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; 4praying us with much entreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. 5And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God."

V: 8-38 Every wise hearted man (singular) – he, he, he...

- Recognizing the importance of each person's work.

1 Corinthians 15:58 "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, un-movable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Exodus Chapter 37 & 38

Ch. 37:1-38:20 All of this is the skill of Bezaleel.

Ch. 38: 21 The Levites were responsible for the Tabernacle and the worship: This is for the Levites – so they can worship God.

V: 24-31 Listing all the materials given, offered.

- The craftsman could not do their job without the offerings of the people.

Gold: 29 talents @ 75.6 lbs / talent =	2,192.40 lbs gold.
730 shekels @ .403 oz. / shekel =	<u>18.38 lbs gold.</u>
	2,210.78 lbs gold
@ \$ 1, 107.00 / oz. = \$ 39,157,335.36	

Silver: 100 talents	7,560.00
1,775 shekels	<u>44.70</u>
	7,604.70 lbs silver @ \$ 16.98 oz. = \$ 2,066,044.89

Brass: 70 talents	5,292.00
2,400 shekels	<u>60.45</u>
	5,352.45 lbs.