

Speaking What Was Spoken

Exodus Chapter 35

Since Chapter 25, Moses has been receiving instructions from God on Mount Sinai. Moses has spent 80 days with the Lord taking detailed notes because he has been instructed that he needs to construct all that God is showing him. But he hasn't yet had the opportunity to tell Israel what was shown him.

Chapters 35– 40 is Moses telling the Children of Israel and then Israel, in turn following those instructions.

Exd 35:1 1) Moses Tells the People v. 1 - 19

Then Moses assembled all the congregation of the sons of Israel, and said to them, "These are the things that the LORD has commanded {you} to do:

Exd 35:2 "For six days work may be done, but on the seventh day you shall have a holy {day,} a sabbath of complete rest to the LORD; whoever does any work on it shall be put to death.

Exd 35:3 "You shall not kindle a fire in any of your dwellings on the sabbath day."

- This is especially interesting that as Moses is going to tell them the building details of the tabernacle the first thing he reminds them is to keep the Sabbath holy. Do no work on the Sabbath.
- You would think that if the construction is for God, and the Sabbath is for God then it would be ok to work for God on the Sabbath. But God says whoever works will be put to death.
- Mark 2:23-28 Jesus' disciples went through a field plucking ears of corn on the Sabbath. The Pharisees confronted them: "And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath:"

Work on our building

- Even if the work is for God the Sabbath rest is for the benefit of man. God Himself wants rest for man even at the delay of His own projects being done.

Exd 35:4 Moses spoke to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, saying, "This is the thing which the LORD has commanded, saying,

Exd 35:5 Take from among you a contribution to the LORD; whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as the LORD'S contribution: gold, silver, and bronze,

Exd 35:6 and blue, purple and scarlet {material,} fine linen, goats' {hair,}

Exd 35:7 and rams' skins dyed red, and porpoise skins, and acacia wood,

Exd 35:8 and oil for lighting, and spices for the anointing oil, and for the fragrant incense,

Exd 35:9 and onyx stones and setting stones for the ephod and for the breastpiece.

- This passage follows along with Exodus 25:2-7
- God is asking for contribution according to the willing heart. Not as a tax or a tithe.
- This idea is echoed in 2 Corinthians 9:7 "So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver."
- Our giving should be done with a willing cheerful heart.

Exd 35:10 Let every skillful man among you come, and make all that the LORD has commanded:

- These things were to be made by the skillful men. The things we do in the service of the Lord should be skillful.

Exd 35:11 the tabernacle, its tent and its covering, its hooks and its boards, its bars, its pillars, and its sockets;

Exd 35:12 the ark and its poles, the mercy seat, and the curtain of the screen;

Exd 35:13 the table and its poles, and all its utensils, and the bread of the Presence;

Exd 35:14 the lampstand also for the light and its utensils and its lamps and the oil for the light;

Exd 35:15 and the altar of incense and its poles, and the anointing oil and the fragrant incense, and the screen for the doorway at the entrance of the tabernacle;

Exd 35:16 the altar of burnt offering with its bronze grating, its poles, and all its utensils, the basin and its stand;

Exd 35:17 the hangings of the court, its pillars and its sockets, and the screen for the gate of the court;
Exd 35:18 the pegs of the tabernacle and the pegs of the court and their cords;
Exd 35:19 the woven garments for ministering in the holy place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons, to minister as priests.' "

Exd 35:20 **2) The People Respond to Moses** v. 20 - 29

Then all the congregation of the sons of Israel departed from Moses' presence.
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Exd 35:21 Everyone whose heart stirred him and everyone whose spirit moved him came {and} brought the LORD'S contribution for the work of the tent of meeting and for all its service and for the holy garments.

Exd 35:22 Then all whose hearts moved them, both men and women, came {and} brought brooches and earrings and signet rings and bracelets, all articles of gold; so {did} every man who presented an offering of gold to the LORD.

Exd 35:23 Every man, who had in his possession blue and purple and scarlet {material} and fine linen and goats' {hair} and rams' skins dyed red and porpoise skins, brought them.

Exd 35:24 Everyone who could make a contribution of silver and bronze brought the LORD'S contribution; and every man who had in his possession acacia wood for any work of the service brought it.

Exd 35:25 All the skilled women spun with their hands, and brought what they had spun, {in} blue and purple {and} scarlet {material} and {in} fine linen.

Exd 35:26 All the women whose heart stirred with a skill spun the goats' {hair.}

Exd 35:27 The rulers brought the onyx stones and the stones for setting for the ephod and for the breastpiece;

Exd 35:28 and the spice and the oil for the light and for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense.

Exd 35:29 The Israelites, all the men and women, whose heart moved them to bring {material} for all the work, which the LORD had commanded through Moses to be done, brought a freewill offering to the LORD.

- We see that the people responded cheerfully and willingly to the work of building the tabernacle.
- Moses did not need to manipulate or offer up creative tactics to get the people to give. He just simply told them God wanted those who can to give.

Exd 35:30 **3) Moses Enlists Two Specialists** v. 30 - 35

Then Moses said to the sons of Israel, "See, the LORD has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah.

Exd 35:31 "And He has filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding and in knowledge and in all craftsmanship;

- Bezalel was filled with the Spirit in wisdom and understanding.

Exd 35:32 to make designs for working in gold and in silver and in bronze,

Exd 35:33 and in the cutting of stones for settings and in the carving of wood, so as to perform in every inventive work.

Exd 35:34 "He also has put in his heart to teach, both he and Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan.

Exd 35:35 "He has filled them with skill to perform every work of an engraver and of a designer and of an embroiderer, in blue and in purple {and} in scarlet {material,} and in fine linen, and of a weaver, as performers of every work and makers of designs.

- Oholiab was filled with the Spirit in skill.
- This Passage lines up with what God told Moses in Exodus 31:2-11

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