

Exodus Part 29 (Chapter 36)

Exo 36:1 So Bezalel, Oholiab and every skilled person to whom the LORD has given skill and ability to know how to carry out all the work of constructing the sanctuary are to do the work just as the LORD has commanded."

Exo 36:2 Then Moses summoned Bezalel and Oholiab and every skilled person to whom the LORD had given ability and who was willing to come and do the work.

Exo 36:3 They received from Moses all the offerings the Israelites had brought to carry out the work of constructing the sanctuary. And the people continued to bring freewill offerings morning after morning.

Exo 36:4 So all the skilled workers who were doing all the work on the sanctuary left what they were doing

Exo 36:5 and said to Moses, "The people are bringing more than enough for doing the work the LORD commanded to be done."

Exo 36:6 Then Moses gave an order and they sent this word throughout the camp: "No man or woman is to make anything else as an offering for the sanctuary." And so the people were restrained from bringing more,

Exo 36:7 because what they already had was more than enough to do all the work.

Exo 36:8 All those who were skilled among the workers made the tabernacle with ten curtains of finely twisted linen and blue, purple and scarlet yarn, with cherubim woven into them by expert hands.

Exo 36:9 All the curtains were the same size--twenty-eight cubits long and four cubits wide.

Exo 36:10 They joined five of the curtains together and did the same with the other five.

Exo 36:11 Then they made loops of blue material along the edge of the end curtain in one set, and the same was done with the end curtain in the other set.

Exo 36:12 They also made fifty loops on one curtain and fifty loops on the end curtain of the other set, with the loops opposite each other.

Exo 36:13 Then they made fifty gold clasps and used them to fasten the two sets of curtains together so that the tabernacle was a unit.

Exo 36:14 They made curtains of goat hair for the tent over the tabernacle--eleven altogether.

Exo 36:15 All eleven curtains were the same size--thirty cubits long and four cubits wide.

Exo 36:16 They joined five of the curtains into one set and the other six into another set.

Exo 36:17 Then they made fifty loops along the edge of the end curtain in one set and also along the edge of the end curtain in the other set.

Exo 36:18 They made fifty bronze clasps to fasten the tent together as a unit.

Exo 36:19 Then they made for the tent a covering of ram skins dyed red, and over that a covering of the other durable leather.

Exo 36:20 They made upright frames of acacia wood for the tabernacle.
Exo 36:21 Each frame was ten cubits long and a cubit and a half wide,
Exo 36:22 with two projections set parallel to each other. They made all the frames of the tabernacle in this way.
Exo 36:23 They made twenty frames for the south side of the tabernacle
Exo 36:24 and made forty silver bases to go under them--two bases for each frame, one under each projection.
Exo 36:25 For the other side, the north side of the tabernacle, they made twenty frames
Exo 36:26 and forty silver bases--two under each frame.
Exo 36:27 They made six frames for the far end, that is, the west end of the tabernacle,
Exo 36:28 and two frames were made for the corners of the tabernacle at the far end.
Exo 36:29 At these two corners the frames were double from the bottom all the way to the top and fitted into a single ring; both were made alike.
Exo 36:30 So there were eight frames and sixteen silver bases--two under each frame.
Exo 36:31 They also made crossbars of acacia wood: five for the frames on one side of the tabernacle,
Exo 36:32 five for those on the other side, and five for the frames on the west, at the far end of the tabernacle.
Exo 36:33 They made the center crossbar so that it extended from end to end at the middle of the frames.
Exo 36:34 They overlaid the frames with gold and made gold rings to hold the crossbars. They also overlaid the crossbars with gold.
Exo 36:35 They made the curtain of blue, purple and scarlet yarn and finely twisted linen, with cherubim woven into it by a skilled worker.
Exo 36:36 They made four posts of acacia wood for it and overlaid them with gold. They made gold hooks for them and cast their four silver bases.
Exo 36:37 For the entrance to the tent they made a curtain of blue, purple and scarlet yarn and finely twisted linen--the work of an embroiderer;
Exo 36:38 and they made five posts with hooks for them. They overlaid the tops of the posts and their bands with gold and made their five bases of bronze.

Exodus 36 connects to the New Testament through themes of cheerful, excessive generosity in giving (2 Cor 9:7) and the structured, obedient assembly of the church as a spiritual temple. It highlights spiritual gifts working in unity, foreshadowing Christ's provision for the church (1 Cor

12), and promotes integrity in ministry leadership.

2Co 9:6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

2Co 9:7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2Co 9:8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

1Co 12:1 Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.

1Co 12:2 You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols.

1Co 12:3 Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

1Co 12:4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.

1Co 12:5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.

1Co 12:6 There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

1Co 12:7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

1Co 12:8 To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit,

1Co 12:9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit,

1Co 12:10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.

1Co 12:11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

1Co 12:12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.

1Co 12:13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body--whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free--and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

1Co 12:14 Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

1Co 12:15 Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body.

1Co 12:16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body.

1Co 12:17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be?

1Co 12:18 But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.

1Co 12:19 If they were all one part, where would the body be?

1Co 12:20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

1Co 12:21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!"

1Co 12:22 On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,

1Co 12:23 and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty,

1Co 12:24 while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it,

1Co 12:25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.

1Co 12:26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

1Co 12:27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

1Co 12:28 And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues.

1Co 12:29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?

1Co 12:30 Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

1Co 12:31 Now eagerly desire the greater gifts. And yet I will show you the most excellent way.

Key Connections:

- Generous Giving as Worship: Just as the Israelites brought "more than enough" for the Tabernacle (Exod 36:5-7), New Testament believers are encouraged toward cheerful, voluntary, and generous giving to support the church's work, mirroring the grace-empowered generosity mentioned in 2 Corinthians 8:1-15.

2Co 8:1 And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches.

2Co 8:2 In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.

2Co 8:3 For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own,

2Co 8:4 they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people.

2Co 8:5 And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.

2Co 8:6 So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part.

2Co 8:7 But since you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you--see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

2Co 8:8 I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others.

2Co 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

2Co 8:10 And here is my judgment about what is best for you in this matter. Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so.

2Co 8:11 Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means.

2Co 8:12 For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.

2Co 8:13 Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality.

2Co 8:14 At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is equality,

2Co 8:15 as it is written: "The one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little."

- The Church as the Dwelling Place: The tabernacle, built to house God's presence, symbolizes the New Testament church. Ephesians 2:19-22 describes believers as being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Eph 2:17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near.

Eph 2:18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Eph 2:19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household,

Eph 2:20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

Eph 2:21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.

Eph 2:22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

- Spirit-Filled Giftedness: Bezalel and Oholiab were filled with wisdom to create, echoing the New Testament teaching that the Holy Spirit bestows gifts to empower believers to work in ministry.
- Following the "Pattern": Just as the artisans followed exact instructions (Exod 36:1), Hebrews 8:5 emphasizes that the earthly tabernacle was a shadow of the heavenly, calling believers to follow the divine pattern of apostolic teaching in building the church.

Heb 8:5 They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: "See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain."

- Integrity in Leadership: Moses' leadership and the workers' integrity demonstrate the New Testament standard for managing spiritual matters, where leaders act with transparency, unlike those who seek selfish gain.

The passage highlights that when people are moved by the Spirit, resources for God's work are abundant.

Exodus 36:38's five gold-topped, bronze-based pillars foreshadow Christ's provision of fivefold ministries in the church.

Eph 4:11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,

Eph 4:12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

Eph 4:13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.