

## FINAL STUDY NOTES - *EXODUS CHAPTERS 33-35*

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### OPENING PRAYER

**REVIEW - (Exo 32:35)** *So the LORD plagued the people because of what they did with the calf which Aaron made.*

- Do we have “golden calves” of our own? Something that displaces God in our own life? Who is on the LORD’S side? (1Jn 5:21) *Little children, keep yourselves from idols.*

**EXODUS – Chapter 33** – The Command to Leave Sinai - (vs. 1-6); Moses Meets with the LORD – (vs. 7-11); The Promise of God's Presence – (vs. 12-23); **Chapter 34** - Moses Makes New Tablets – (vs. 1-9); The Covenant Renewed – (vs. 10-28); The Shining Face of Moses – (vs. 29-35); **Chapter 35** – Sabbath Regulations – (vs. 1-3); Offerings for the Tabernacle – (vs. 4-9); Articles of the Tabernacle – (vs. 10-19); The Tabernacle Offerings Presented – (vs. 20-29); The Artisans Called by God – (vs. 30-36:1).

#### CHAPTER 33 - The Command to Leave Sinai

**Exo 33:1** Then the LORD said to Moses, "Depart and go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt, to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'To your descendants I will give it.'"

**Exo 33:2** And I will send My Angel before you, and I will drive out the Canaanite and the Amorite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite.

**Exo 33:3** Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; for I will not go up in your midst, lest I consume you on the way, for you are a stiff-necked people."

- **God is declaring the reason for not going up.** Knowing the character of these people, stiff-necked, sinful, God's presence in their midst could be a destroying presence. *Our God is a consuming fire.* The presence of God can be a dangerous thing. It can be a destructive thing.
- **Assyrian army – 185,000 defeated in one night - (Isa 37:36; 33:14b)** Then the angel of the LORD went out and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand. [33:14b] Who among us shall dwell with the devouring (consuming) fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?
- **God said, for I will not go up in your midst, lest I consume you on the way.** My presence would destroy the people. *I will send My Angel before you.*

**Exo 33:4** And when the people heard this bad news, they mourned, and no one put on his ornaments.

**Exo 33:5** For the LORD had said to Moses, "Say to the children of Israel, 'You are a stiff-necked people. I could come up into your midst in one moment and consume you. Now therefore, take off your ornaments, that I may know what to do to you.' "

**Exo 33:6** So the children of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments by Mount Horeb.

- The Hebrew text indicates they did not put them on again, a sign of their commitment unto God.

#### The Tent of Meeting

**Exo 33:7** Moses took his tent and pitched it outside the camp, far from the camp, and called it the tabernacle of meeting. And it came to pass that everyone who sought the LORD went out to the tabernacle of meeting which was outside the camp.

- **Moses picked up his tent, and he moved it outside of the camp, far from the camp,** calling it the tabernacle of meeting, this is the place where you are going to meet God.

**Exo 33:8** So it was, whenever Moses went out to the tabernacle, that all the people rose, and each man stood at his tent door and watched Moses until he had gone into the tabernacle.

- **All the people rose**, probably in respect to this man of God.

**Exo 33:9** And it came to pass, when Moses entered the tabernacle, that the pillar of cloud descended and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the LORD talked with Moses.

**Exo 33:10** All the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the tabernacle door, and all the people rose and worshiped, each man in his tent door.

**Exo 33:11** So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle.

- **The LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.** What kind of communication do you have with God? Is it formal and stilted? Do you communicate with God as friend to friend?
- **What kind of a relationship do you have with Him?** God wants to be a friend to you. Jesus said, (Joh 15:15) *No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing;*

but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. Talk to Him as a friend. He listens to you without judgment. You can open your heart to God!

- Moses had this kind of a relationship with the Lord, the kind God wants you to have.
- **What kind of a relationship do I have with Him?**

### Moses' Intercession

*Exo 33:12 Then Moses said to the LORD, "See, You say to me, 'Bring up this people.' But You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found grace in My sight.'"*

*Exo 33:13 Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation is Your people."*

*Exo 33:14 And He said, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."*

- Moses said, "Look, You say You are going to send My Angel. I do not know the angel. I know You. You say You know me, You know me by my name. I do not want Your angel. I want You! If I have found grace in Your sight; now remember, these are Your people. They don't want a substitute." Why settle for an angel when you can have the ?

*Exo 33:15 Then he said to Him, "If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here."*

- Let us just stay right here and die right here. LORD, we do not want to go on without You!
- Moses had come to so appreciate the presence of God. He had come to know Him as a God of power, seeing the works of God against the Egyptians. He knew Him as a God of resourcefulness as he saw Him give them water out of the rock and manna to eat and sweeten the bitter waters of Marah. He knew Him as a God of gifts, as he saw the anointing on Bezaleel. He knew Him as a God of love.
- **Am I really committed to have His Presence with me, to the point, If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here. How important to me is His presence? How important to me is to be in His presence?**

*Exo 33:16 For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth."*

- LORD, if You do not go with us, then do not send us up. How are Your people going to really know that they have found grace unless You are with us?

*Exo 33:17 So the LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name."*

*Exo 33:18 And he said, "Please, show me Your glory (kabod – splendor)."*

- Moses is on a roll, so he says, LORD, how about showing me Your glory? Please, LORD, show me Your glory!
- You know, God says, I know you by name, and you have also found grace in My sight. Moses says, Well then, Please, show me Your glory!
- (Joh 17:22, 24) And the glory (doxa – shining, brightness, splendor, radiance of Christ's pre-existence) which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: [24] "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.
- **Imagine if we each heard from the LORD like Moses did; "I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name," would I have, or is it my desire to ask Him, "Please, show me Your glory."**

*Exo 33:19 Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."*

- God just retreated into His grace and compassion, grace and love, His sovereignty. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

*Exo 33:20 But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live."*

- God has said that in this world His face shall not be seen (Exo 33:23). That is an honor reserved for the future state. If men in this state know what it is, they would not be content to live short of it.

There is a knowledge and enjoyment of God which must be waited for in another world, (1Jn 3:2). We would be so overwhelmed we would not be able to respond to His love, which is the reason for our being created!

**Exo 33:21** *And the LORD said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock.*

**Exo 33:22** *So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by.*

**Exo 33:23** *Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen."*

- What a tremendous experience of seeing God; not His face, but His back, sort of the afterglow.
- *No man shall see Me and live*, but I'll put My hand over the rock, and then I'll pass by, and then I'll remove My hand, and you'll see the afterglow."
- That was so remarkable, we read that when Moses came down to talk to the people from this experience, his face was shining to the point where they said, "Hey, put a veil over your face. We cannot stand to look at it." Having seen God! What an experience!
- Jesus said, (Mat 5:8) Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God. One day we shall see Him! What will it be like? Wow, powerful! But you must have a new body before you can do that. It will never work in this body. I mean, it would just destroy you. You just could not handle it.
- Our redeemed bodies, we will dwell with the LORD, and we shall see Him! Oh, what a day that will be! **Am I ready? Are we ready?**

CHAPTER 34 - Moses Makes New Tablets, having seen the "afterglow" of God

**Exo 34:1** *And the LORD said to Moses, "Cut two tablets of stone like the first ones, and I will write on these tablets the words that were on the first tablets which you broke.*

**Exo 34:2** *So be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself to Me there on the top of the mountain.*

- This must have been a pretty awesome experience for Moses! I can only imagine what emotions that Moses must have felt, realizing that he was to present himself before the God of creation! I am to stand before God!

**Exo 34:3** *And no man (not even Joshua) shall come up with you, and let no man be seen throughout all the mountain; let neither flocks nor herds feed before that mountain."*

**Exo 34:4** *So he cut two tablets of stone like the first ones. Then Moses rose early in the morning and went up Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him; and he took in his hand the two tablets of stone.*

**Exo 34:5** *Now the LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD.*

- He proclaimed the name of the LORD, by which He would make Himself known. He had made Himself known to Moses in the glory of His self-existence and self-sufficiency when He proclaimed that name, *I am that I am*; now He makes Himself known in the glory of His grace, and goodness, and all-sufficiency to us.
- God is about to publish a second edition of the law. The pardon of Israel's sin in worshipping the calf was now to pass the testings; and God, by this declaration, would let them know that He pardoned *merely out of His own good pleasure*, not for their merits' sake, but from His own inclination to forgive, which demonstrates the universal extent of God's mercy. He is not only good to Israel, but good to all! May we all take notice of that! He that has an ear, let him hear, and know, and believe!

**Exo 34:6** *And the LORD (Yahweh), passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD (YHVH, Yahweh, Jehovah) God (El), merciful (full of compassion) and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth,*

**Exo 34:7** *keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."*

- He is a great God! He is a good God! He is a just and holy God! **How deeply do I understand the fullness of God's mercy? His grace? His long suffering? His abounding in goodness, truth?**
- There are people who say that there is a God of the Old Testament, and a different God of the New Testament, saying "the God of the Old Testament, is a God of wrath, and judgment, but I love the God of the New Testament who is forgiving, gracious and kind."
- **But in the Old Testament you find much concerning the character of God,** His graciousness, His mercy. Here we find God declaring Himself to Moses as merciful, gracious, longsuffering, abundant in goodness and truth, keeping the mercy for thousands, and forgiving the iniquities and transgressions. What tremendous declarations of God's grace, God's mercy, God's forgiveness, God's goodness, God's truth!
- **People who seem to think that the God of the New Testament is all love and forgiveness,** doing away with the capital punishment and all of this. Well, read the book of Revelation, finding out that He is also a God of judgment, and a God of wrath that shall come and be visited.
- **Grace and truth were demonstrated in Jesus Christ, but to those who reject that grace and truth,** (*Heb 10:27, 30-31*) *but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. [30] For we know Him who said, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY,"* That was not the prophet Isaiah thundering out, but the writer of the book of Hebrews, declaring the judgment of God that shall come upon those who have rejected His grace, and His mercy, through Jesus Christ!
- **There is not a God of the Old Testament, and a different God of the New.** In reality He is revealed in both Testaments as gracious, and loving and kind, and merciful, and forgiving and in both Testaments as a God of judgment and wrath, by no means clearing the guilty; that is, without there being repentance.
- **People are troubled with the fact that it declares,** "visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children to the third and the fourth generation." That is clarified a little bit more in the commandments that God gave, for it there adds, "to those that continue in them."
- **In the New Testament that we read concerning Jesus Christ, (*Php 2:8-11*)** *And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. [9] Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, [10] that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, [11] and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*
- **Jesus is actually a compound name of Jehovah.** It comes from the Hebrew word, *Yeshua*, *Yehoshua*,.) The name of God coupled with the word salvation and the name Jesus literally means Jehovah is salvation, or Yahweh is salvation, Yeshua, Joshua.
- **Oh, how glorious it is that we can come to Jesus Christ and receive that beautiful work of His Holy Spirit** and He can absolutely cleanse, and clear. (*2Co 5:17*) *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.* You can enter into a totally new, beautiful life in Christ, and only He can erase the past psychic scars.
- **It is true that often the sins of the parents are visited upon the children, being innocent victims** of their parents' folly. Thank God there is always a way out, there's always-God has provided a way out through the blood of Jesus Christ that can wash and cleanse us. But if it is not there, then it will go on and it passes from generation to generation. **How thankful we should be if we were raised in a godly home.**

*Exo 34:8 So Moses made haste and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshiped.*

- **God passed by and declared His name, declared His glory.** Moses just got down on his face and began to worship Him. He is Holy and Righteous God that expects certain responses from us.

*Exo 34:9 Then he said, "If now I have found grace in Your sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray, go among us, even though we are a stiff-necked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us as Your inheritance."*

- **That is asking God for an awful lot.** "Now Lord, I've seen Your glory. You've passed by me, declared Your name, now Lord go ahead and pass among the people, pardon their sin; and take us for

Your inheritance." Now that is the part that I have, "Here God, You can have me for Your inheritance." "Take this stiff-necked people for Your inheritance." Yet the Bible declares, (*Eph 1:18b*) the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints. What Paul is saying is, "If you only knew how much God valued you."

- **Moses is saying that, "Lord, take these people, put the value on them as Your inheritance."** God prized you so highly that He sent His Son to die for your sins so that He could have you for His own. That is how highly God prizes you. I cannot understand it, do not ask me to explain it. How I thank God and praise God for the value that He's placed upon my life!

### **The Covenant Renewed**

*Exo 34:10 And He said: "Behold, I make a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation; and all the people among whom you are shall see the work of the LORD. For it is an awesome thing that I will do with you.*

*Exo 34:11 Observe what I command you this day. Behold, I am driving out from before you the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite.*

- **Now God is saying, "Observe it, not just see it".** There is a difference between seeing and observing, and God is not saying, "see the things I command you, but observe", that is see and live in harmony with it.

*Exo 34:12 Take heed to yourself, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where you are going, lest it be a snare in your midst.*

*Exo 34:13 But you shall destroy their altars, break their sacred pillars, and cut down their wooden images* (idols, phallic symbols used in fertility rites by the Canaanites.)

*Exo 34:14 (for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God),*

- **There are people who have difficulty with God demanding the extermination of the people within the land.** No covenant, no peace treaty. "Go in and utterly wipe them out."
- **The Canaanites were totally given over to worshipping Baal, sacrificing their children by placing them in the red-hot arms of Baal,** allowing them to be burned to death as they sacrificed unto this little idol. Human sacrifice was commonly practiced, as well as all kinds of licentious practices.
- **Now by the very nature of their worship they would soon destroy themselves.** They could not exist. No society can exist that is that corrupted. They are going to destroy themselves. But if they are allowed to make a covenant and live among the people, they will infect God's people with this same deadly corruption. God is ordering their extermination in order to keep His own people protected from their madness. **They were as a rabid dog on the playground of a school,** foaming at the mouth, running around and snapping at the children. They need to be destroyed.
- **God ordered their extermination; they are going to die anyhow,** they are going to destroy themselves. He is only protecting the innocent children that He's bringing in to inherit the land. Thus, God is destroying the Canaanites, protecting His own children.

*Exo 34:15 lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they play the harlot with their gods and make sacrifice to their gods, and one of them invites you and you eat of his sacrifice,*

*Exo 34:16 and you take of his daughters for your sons, and his daughters play the harlot with their gods and make your sons play the harlot with their gods.*

- **All through the Scripture God calls His people to be separate.**

*Exo 34:17 "You shall make no molded gods for yourselves.*

- **Now there are all kinds of molded images in the land of Canaan.** *You shall make no molded gods for yourselves.*

*Exo 34:18 "The Feast of Unleavened Bread you shall keep. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, in the appointed time of the month of Abib; for in the month of Abib you came out from Egypt.*

- **God lays out the various feasts that they were to have**, the three feasts (Passover, Pentecost, Tabernacles), ***The Feast of Unleavened Bread you shall keep***, This is a Feast of Passover. For seven days you have to eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you,

**Exo 34:19** ***"All that open the womb (the firstborn of everything) are Mine, and every male firstborn among your livestock, whether ox or sheep.***

**Exo 34:20** ***But the firstborn of a donkey (natural man) you shall redeem with a lamb. And if you will not redeem him, then you shall break his neck. All the firstborn of your sons you shall redeem. "And none shall appear before Me empty-handed.***

- **You had to redeem our first-born from God.** He belonged to God automatically. You see the first-born son used to always be the priest of the house, he belonged to God. Now that God has a priesthood through the tribe of Levi, if you want to keep your first-born son, then you had to redeem him from God.

**Exo 34:21** ***"Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest; in plowing time and in harvest you shall rest.***

- **No exceptions, not even in plowing time and in harvest**, when there is a great urgency to get it done! God said you are to work six days and rest on the seventh!

**Exo 34:22** ***"And you shall observe the Feast of Weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the year's end.***

- **The Feast of Weeks.** In June, fifty days after Passover, seven weeks after Passover, then the next day began—seven weeks would be forty-nine days. The next day, the fiftieth day would begin the Passover, which was the first fruits of the winter, wheat harvest, as they began to harvest it there in Israel in the first part of June. Then it was sort of a Thanksgiving.
- **The Feast of Ingathering at the year's end.** That is sort of equivalent to our Thanksgiving in the fall time of the year.

**Exo 34:23** ***"Three times in the year all your men shall appear before the Lord, the LORD God of Israel.***

- **That would be such a glorious thing if you had a religious nation**, a nation who was really committed unto God. It would be a glorious thing that three times a year all the men in the nation would have to come and stand before God in this time of worship and so forth.

**Exo 34:24** ***For I will cast out the nations before you and enlarge your borders; neither will any man covet your land when you go up to appear before the LORD your God three times in the year.***

**Exo 34:25** ***"You shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leaven, nor shall the sacrifice of the Feast of the Passover be left until morning.***

**Exo 34:26** ***"The first of the firstfruits of your land you shall bring to the house of the LORD your God. You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk."***

- Notice, *"the first of the firstfruits"* is what God demands from you, **not the leftovers**. No way. "The first of the firstfruits of your land, you shall bring unto the house of the LORD your God.
- **You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk.** It was a part of the practice for the land to increase fertility.

**Exo 34:27** ***Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write these words, for according to the tenor of these words I have made a covenant (not the unconditional Abrahamic covenant) with you and with Israel."***

**Exo 34:28** ***So he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he neither ate bread nor drank water. And He wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.***

- **Apart from the supernatural, we say, "Well, that's impossible.** But we are dealing with a God of miraculous power and God who can set aside certain laws of nature. The presence of God and being with God was so revitalizing, that Moses neither ate nor drank during the 40 days he was there!
- **Yet Moses was able to, only by the sustaining hand and power of God.** It is a miracle that he could do it. It happened because the Bible declares that it happened. I have no problem with a God who is able to work miracles. I would have problems with any god that could not work miracles.

## **The Shining Face of Moses**

*Exo 34:29 Now it was so, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony were in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him.*

- Moses' face was shining, glowing, being radiated from the time with the LORD. He did not realize it, though.

*Exo 34:30 So when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone (qaran - have waves of shining), and they were afraid to come near him.*

*Exo 34:31 Then Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned to him; and Moses talked with them.*

*Exo 34:32 Afterward all the children of Israel came near, and he gave them as commandments all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai*

*Exo 34:33 And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face.*

*Exo 34:34 But whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with Him, he would take the veil off until he came out; and he would come out and speak to the children of Israel whatever he had been commanded.*

*Exo 34:35 And whenever the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone, then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with Him.*

- Moses would put the veil on and come out and talk with the people. Paul uses this as an allegory in the New Testament talking about the Jewish. How that Moses had to put the veil over his face when he talked to them. Now, he said, there is a veil over the face when they read the scriptures. They cannot see the truth of the scriptures concerning Jesus Christ. (*Mat 17:2*) and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.

## **CHAPTER 35 - Sabbath Regulations Reemphasized, Free Gifts for the Tabernacle; Bezalel, Aholiab**

*Exo 35:1 Then Moses gathered all the congregation of the children of Israel together, and said to them, "These are the words which the LORD has commanded you to do:*

*Exo 35:2 Work shall be done for six days, but the seventh day shall be a holy day for you, a Sabbath of rest to the LORD. Whoever does any work on it shall be put to death.*

*Exo 35:3 You shall kindle no fire throughout your dwellings on the Sabbath day."*

- The Sabbath day, given to Israel as a sign, was one of the strongest parts of the tradition of the Jews. It was made for man. Man was not made for the Sabbath. This is just God's gift to you: the Sabbath day, in which you do nothing. God just wants you to kick back and rest!
- God has given it to you. It is God's gift to you. You can take it and enjoy it if you want. If you do not take it, it is not going to damn you or condemn you. That is the way they had misinterpreted the thing. If you dare do anything that violated that Sabbath day tradition, then they were ready to really wipe you out. But in reality it is just a gift of God for you; you would be much better off physically and mentally if you observed it. Not spiritually, it will not make you any more righteous.

### **Contributions for the Tabernacle**

*Exo 35:4 And Moses spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, "This is the thing which the LORD commanded, saying:*

*Exo 35:5 'Take from among you an offering to the LORD. Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as an offering to the LORD: gold, silver, and bronze;*

- That is the requirement God put even under the law " Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as an offering." Paul tells us (*2Co 9:7*) *So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver*. God does not want anything from you that you grudgingly give to Him of money, time, service. If so, you would be better off not to do it at all.

*Exo 35:6 blue, purple, and scarlet thread, fine linen, and goats' hair;*

*Exo 35:7 ram skins dyed red, badger skins, and acacia wood;*

*Exo 35:8 oil for the light, and spices for the anointing oil and for the sweet incense;*

*Exo 35:9 onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod and in the breastplate.*

- Where did the children of Israel get the different articles they gave to the tabernacle when they had been slaves in Egypt?" Remember that God said that they would come out of Egypt with great



wealth. He made sure they collected their back wages. The Egyptians were so glad to rid the land of the Israelites that they gave them whatever they asked. Israel left with a great deal of the wealth.

***Exo 35:10-22 All who are gifted artisans among you shall come and make all that the LORD has commanded: [11] the tabernacle, its tent, its covering, its clasps, its boards, its bars, its pillars, and its sockets; [12] the ark and its poles, with the mercy seat, and the veil of the covering; [13] the table and its poles, all its utensils, and the showbread; [14] also the lampstand for the light, its utensils, its lamps, and the oil for the light; [15] the incense altar, its poles, the anointing oil, the sweet incense, and the screen for the door at the entrance of the tabernacle; [16] the altar of burnt offering with its bronze grating, its poles, all its utensils, and the laver and its base; [17] the hangings of the court, its pillars, their sockets, and the screen for the gate of the court; [18] the pegs of the tabernacle, the pegs of the court, and their cords; [19] the garments of ministry, for ministering in the holy place—the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons, to minister as priests.' " [20] And all the congregation of the children of Israel departed from the presence of Moses. [21] Then everyone came whose heart was stirred, and everyone whose spirit was willing, and they brought the LORD's offering for the work of the tabernacle of meeting, for all its service, and for the holy garments. [22] They came, both men and women, as many as had a willing heart, and brought earrings and nose rings, rings and necklaces, all jewelry of gold, that is, every man who made an offering of gold to the LORD.***

- ***They came.*** Everyone whose heart stirred him up and everyone whose spirit was made willing. They brought the LORD'S offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all His service, and for all the holy garments. They came, both men and women, as many as were **willing hearted**, bringing the bracelets, earrings, rings, and the tablets, of jewels of gold.

***Exo 35:23 And every man, with whom was found blue, purple, and scarlet thread, fine linen, goats' hair, red skins of rams, and badger skins, brought them.***

***Exo 35:24 Everyone who offered an offering of silver or bronze brought the LORD's offering. And everyone with whom was found acacia wood for any work of the service, brought it.***

***Exo 35:25 All the women who were gifted artisans spun yarn with their hands, and brought what they had spun, of blue, purple, and scarlet, and fine linen.***

***Exo 35:26 And all the women whose hearts stirred with wisdom spun yarn of goats' hair.***

- ***All the women that were wise hearted.*** With their hands and brought that which they had spun both of blue and of purple, and of scarlet and fine linen, and all the women whose hearts stirred with wisdom, spun goat's hair.

***Exo 35:27 The rulers brought onyx stones, and the stones to be set in the ephod and in the breastplate,***

- ***No doubt, the rulers brought the most costly offerings.*** It starts in God's heart with the person who says I have an ear. With a person who says I have a bracelet; with the women who said, I do not have anything, but I can weave. They gave what they could, which was the picture all the way along.

***Exo 35:28 and spices and oil for the light, for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense.***

***Exo 35:29 The children of Israel brought a freewill offering to the LORD, all the men and women whose hearts were willing to bring material for all kinds of work which the LORD, by the hand of Moses, had commanded to be done.***

- ***The women who were gifted artisans, spun yarn with their hands.*** They brought what they had spun of the blue and purple and scarlet and fine linen, the women, skillful artisans. That is great, each one **willingly** doing their part.

### **Construction of the Tabernacle**

***Exo 35:30 And Moses said to the children of Israel, "See, the LORD has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah;***

***Exo 35:31 and He has filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom and understanding, in knowledge and all manner of workmanship,***

- ***Notice the giving.*** It was when a person's heart was stirred. That is always the secret of true giving, as God stirs your heart, as God lays it upon your heart. As you are **willing** to give, so you should give unto God, but never, never by constraint, never by pressure, never by begging. It cheapens God to beg people to support Him.

*Exo 35:32 to design artistic works, to work in gold and silver and bronze,*

*Exo 35:33 in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of artistic workmanship.*

*Exo 35:34 "And He has put in his heart the ability to teach, in him and Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan.*

- **God gave Bezalel the ability** to pass on his gift to others, those the He had filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of work.

*Exo 35:35 He has filled them with skill to \_ of the engraver and the designer and the tapestry maker, in blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine linen, and of the weaver—those who do every work and those who design artistic works.*

## SUMMARY

*(Exo 33:11a) So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.*

- Moses had this kind of a relationship with the Lord, the kind God wants you to have.
- **What kind of a relationship do I have with Him?**

*(Exo 33:14-15) And He said, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." [15] Then he said to Him, "If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here.*

- **Am I really committed to have His Presence with me, to the point, If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here. How important to me is His presence? How important to me is to be in His presence?**

*(Exo 33:17-18) So the LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name." [18] And he said, "Please, show me Your glory."*

- **Imagine if we each heard from the LORD like Moses did; "I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name," would I have, or is it my desire to ask Him, "Please, show me Your glory."**

*(Exo 34:6-7) And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, [7] keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."*

- He is a great God! He is a good God! He is a just and holy God! **How deeply do I understand the fullness of God's mercy? His grace? His long suffering? His abounding in goodness, truth?**

## CLOSING SONG

**ROCK OF AGES** – Augustus Toplady (1740-1778) , Thomas Hastings, sung by Ernie Ford (2:39/2:42)

*(Exo 33:22) So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and will cover you with My hand while I pass by.*

*1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee. Let the water and the blood, From Thy wounded side which flowed, Be of sin the double cure, Save from wrath and make me pure.*

*2 Could my tears forever flow, Could my zeal no languor know These for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone. In my hand no price I bring; Simply to Thy cross I cling.*

*3 While I draw this fleeting breath, When my eyelids close in death. When I rise to worlds unknown, and behold Thee on Thy throne. Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee. Let me hide myself in Thee.*

## CLOSING PRAYER

**NEXT WEEK: Read and study Exodus Chapters 36-38!**