

## FINAL STUDY NOTES - *EXODUS CHAPTERS 36-38* 12-23/24-2024

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### OPENING PRAYER

### REVIEW -

- *(Exo 35:31,35) and He has filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom and understanding, in knowledge and all manner of workmanship. [35] He has filled them with skill to do all manner of work 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.*
- ***He has filled him with the Spirit of God.*** Gifted people, but they will also be filled with the Spirit! Talent cannot take the place of the anointing of the Holy Spirit in any of our lives and ministries! No matter how talented you may be, nothing can take the place of the anointing of the Holy Spirit. His

leading; His direction; His revelation, and His strength, are so beautiful to see. But when you see someone with tremendous talent, who also understands, I am not going anywhere without the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Now you have something special, and that is what these guys were like. God wants a God-given gift that is given to them to be exercised in order **that they would make all** of these things to the exact God-given specifications. God is the ultimate artist. It is impossible to improve on His work.

- ***Exodus Chapter 35 through 40. We now have a record of the construction*** of the Tabernacle, its furnishings, and of the garments associated with the high priest and his sons. Now comes the time to actually build them.
- ***(James 1:22) But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.***

**EXODUS – Chapter 36 (made-27x) – The People Give More Than Enough - (vs. 2-7); Building the Tabernacle – (vs. 8-38);**

**Chapter 37 (made- 25x) - Making the Ark of the Testimony – (vs. 1-9); Making the Table for the Showbread – (vs. 10-16); Making the Gold Lampstand – (vs. 17-24); Making the Altar of Incense – (vs. 25-28). Making the Anointing Oil and the Incense – (v. 29);**

**Chapter 38 (made 13x) – Making the Altar of Burnt Offering – (vs. 1-7); Making the Bronze Laver – (v. 8); Making the Court of the Tabernacle – (vs. 9-20); Materials of the Tabernacle – (vs. 21-31);**

## CHAPTER 36 -

***Exo 36:1 "And Bezalel and Aholiab, and every gifted artisan in whom the LORD has put wisdom and understanding, to know how to do all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, shall do according to all that the LORD has commanded."***

- **Every member of the crew, probably a large number of people**, was engaged in the building of the tabernacle with the wisdom and understanding God had given them. The man in charge was Bezalel.
- **God is saying stick with the program. You artists stay with the blueprints.** Then Moses called Bezalel, Aholiab and every gifted artisan in whose heart the LORD had put wisdom. Everyone whose heart was stirred **to come and do** the work.
- **For the next four chapters, God is describing the actual construction** of the Tabernacle and of the furnishings. These are all things that we have studied in detail previously, so we know all the detail of the description of all of these items, relate and point us to Christ.
- **Here they have already been given the instructions. Now is the time to obey God in doing it!** It is amazing when you look at these four chapters, dedicated now to God, commanding them to obey. And then a record of their obedience! God only takes two chapters, Genesis 1 and 2, to describe the entirety of the creation of the heavens and the Earth. Here God, who is very much to the point, is going to invest four chapters to drive this point home forever related to My people. The point that God is making here is that **it is not enough to know God's word and His commandments, we also have to obey them to be meaningful!** *(James 1:22) But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.* The hearing always has to turn into doing. Here they are now translating hearing into doing! God is so blessed by it that He records it chapter after chapter after chapter!
- ***Is my life balanced, in not only being a hearer of the word, but also being an obedient doer? How about you? Attending the studies weekly, hearing the Word of God, how are you in being a doer of His Word?***

***Exo 36:2 Then Moses called Bezalel and Aholiab, and every gifted artisan in whose heart the LORD had put wisdom, everyone whose heart was stirred, to come and do the work.***

- ***Whose heart was stirred.*** Again, it was God stirring up people's hearts to come and do the work. Every fellow that just felt, "Oh man, I would like to come down to work." God stirred their hearts. They came and worked and it was done. The **work of God was done with willing hearts!** The work of God is always accomplished through willing hearts. God stirs a person's heart to do something.
- ***To come and do the work.*** Now notice something here that is very important and essential in the **work of the LORD**. If you are serving the Lord grudgingly, do not do it! God cannot use this kind of an attitude. They are not working because they have to work. They have been slaves in the past and here they are slaving again, but this time because they want to!

- **Looking at my life, my Christian walk, can I say that my heart is really stirred and I am a willing respondent to His calling by demonstrating a surrendered, willing heart?**
- The Lord had put wisdom into them. Everyone whose heart was stirred to come and do the work, and they received from Moses all the offering which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service, of making the sanctuary. All these gifts and offerings were given to Him. They now bring it to the people who are going to do the work.

*Exo 36:3 And they received from Moses all the offering which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of making the sanctuary. So they continued bringing to him freewill offerings every morning.*

*Exo 36:4 Then all the craftsmen who were doing all the work of the sanctuary came, each from the work he was doing,*

*Exo 36:5 and they spoke to Moses, saying, "The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work which the LORD commanded us to do."*

*Exo 36:6 So Moses gave a commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, "Let neither man nor woman do any more work for the offering of the sanctuary." And the people were restrained from bringing,*

- **People were restrained from bringing.** That is real revival when you have to tell the people, "All right, that's enough don't bring anymore!" Isn't that neat? For the offering that they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, actually they had too much! God gave them a second chance, after the golden calf. They have taken advantage of that second chance now. **To do** right in all areas of their lives!
- **Moses restrained them from giving. It is a wonderful thing** when God is moving in the hearts of His people. They received from Moses all the offering which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service, of making the sanctuary so. All these gifts and offerings were given to him. They now bring it to the people who are going to do the work. They continued bringing to him free will offerings every morning. The people kept on giving. Then all the Craftsman who were doing all the work of the sanctuary came each from their work, telling Moses saying that people bring much more than enough for the work which the Lord has commanded us **to do!**
- **Too much money! Too many jewels! Too much gold, too much silver! You never see this happen in a construction project.** Amazing, isn't it? The work of God's Spirit and a testimony, really.

*Exo 36:7 for the material they had was sufficient for all the work to be done—indeed too much.*

- **The people kept bringing in the offering, until finally** they said to Moses, "Have the people stop! We've got more than we can use." So, they had to restrain them from bringing them! "No more offerings to the **LORD**." Do not bring anything else. We have got enough. I love that!
- **God wants us to give joyfully.** There was a motto years ago that said, "Give 'til it hurts." God says, "If it hurts, don't give." Our worship of God should be with joy, and so should our giving. This is the only place on record, that I know of, where the people had to be asked to stop giving. They brought a great deal more than was needed to build and furnish the tabernacle.
- **The earnest response of the people** to the request for contributions, such that they had to be restrained from bringing any more, is a fitting response to the LORD who has been gracious and merciful in renewing His covenant with them.

*Exo 36:8 Then all the gifted artisans among them who worked on the tabernacle made (65x in chapters 36-38; 127 times in Exodus) ten curtains woven of fine linen, and of blue, purple, and scarlet thread; with artistic designs of cherubim they made them.*

- **Worked on the tabernacle.** The rest of chapter 36, repeats almost verbatim chapter 26, with the past tense of the various verbs replacing the future tense. "All the gifted artisans....worked on the tabernacle....made." The "wise-hearted," skillful workers were exactly following God's specifications, as He had commanded, **now making**, constructing the tabernacle!

*Exo 36:9 The length of each curtain was twenty-eight cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits; the curtains were all the same size.*

*Exo 36:10 And he coupled five curtains to one another, and the other five curtains he coupled to one another.*

*Exo 36:11 He made loops of blue yarn on the edge of the curtain on the selvedge of one set; likewise he did on the outer edge of the other curtain of the second set.*

*Exo 36:12 Fifty loops he made on one curtain, and fifty loops he made on the edge of the curtain on the end of the second set; the loops held one curtain to another.*

*Exo 36:13 And he made fifty clasps of gold, and coupled the curtains to one another with the clasps, that it might be one tabernacle.*

- Wow! What they do, is that they built the curtains exactly the way God wanted the curtains built! Exactness is important because it all speaks of Christ! But here again, the doers of the word and not hearers only, *deceiving yourself!*

*Exo 36:14 He made curtains of goats' hair for the tent over the tabernacle; he made eleven curtains.*

- It looked very rustic from the outside, beautiful on the inside.

*Exo 36:15 The length of each curtain was thirty cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits; the eleven curtains were the same size.*

*Exo 36:16 He coupled five curtains by themselves and six curtains by themselves.*

*Exo 36:17 And he made fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that is outermost in one set, and fifty loops he made on the edge of the curtain of the second set.*

*Exo 36:18 He also made fifty bronze clasps to couple the tent together, that it might be one.*

- Curtains of goats' hair. Again, they not only have the instructions, but they obey what God has told them to do! (*Jas 1:22*) *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves!*

*Exo 36:19 Then he made a covering for the tent of ram skins dyed red, and a covering of badger skins above that.*

- *A covering for the tent of ran skins dyed red and a covering of badger skins above that.* So be doers of the word and not hearers only *deceiving yourself.* Be obedient! Be obedient! Be obedient! It is enough to know we must obey.

*Exo 36:20 For the tabernacle he made boards of acacia wood, standing upright.*

- The tabernacle was made of acacia boards, two feet three inches wide, overlaid with gold, fifteen feet high, set in silver sockets. Twenty of them, along the walls, making it forty-five feet long, and fifteen feet wide. The Tabernacle Sanctuary was sort of a box kind of a construction, all overlaid with gold, and it was held up in place, setting in these little sockets of silver, the boards were set in the sockets of silver. They had these golden rings on them, and they took these golden rods, and pushed them through the rings. They would stand the boards up, putting the rods through the rings, which held them then in an upright position.

*Exo 36:21 The length of each board was ten cubits, and the width of each board a cubit and a half.*

*Exo 36:22 Each board had two tenons for binding one to another. Thus he made for all the boards of the tabernacle.*

*Exo 36:23 And he made boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards for the south side.*

*Exo 36:24 Forty sockets of silver he made to go under the twenty boards: two sockets under each of the boards for its two tenons.*

*Exo 36:25 And for the other side of the tabernacle, the north side, he made twenty boards*

*Exo 36:26 and their forty sockets of silver: two sockets under each of the boards.*

*Exo 36:27 For the west side of the tabernacle he made six boards.*

*Exo 36:28 He also made two boards for the two back corners of the tabernacle.*

*Exo 36:29 And they were coupled at the bottom and coupled together at the top by one ring. Thus he made both of them for the two corners.*

*Exo 36:30 So there were eight boards and their sockets—sixteen sockets of silver—two sockets under each of the boards.*

*Exo 36:31 And he made bars of acacia wood: five for the boards on one side of the tabernacle,*

*Exo 36:32 five bars for the boards on the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle on the far side westward.*

*Exo 36:33 And he made the middle bar to pass through the boards from one end to the other.*

*Exo 36:34 He overlaid the boards with gold, made their rings of gold to be holders for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.*

- They did not just hear what God had said. They obeyed!

*Exo 36:35 And he made a veil of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen; it was worked with an artistic design of cherubim.*

*Exo 36:36 He made for it four pillars of acacia wood, and overlaid them with gold, with their hooks of gold; and he cast four sockets of silver for them.*

*Exo 36:37 He also made a screen for the tabernacle door, of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen, made by a weaver,*

*Exo 36:38 and its five pillars with their hooks. And he overlaid their capitals and their rings with gold, but their five sockets were bronze.*

- Again, doing exactly as God had called them to do it. As we read through this, we see it took them about six months to gather the materials and then construct the Tabernacle. There is a lot of hard work behind what we are reading here. It is very easy to read a description or hear what God wants. It is another thing to obey those things. There is a lot of hard work that is represented in this and in doing something for the LORD and then finishing that thing that He has given us to do!
- ***What is my record for finishing the things the LORD has called me to do? Is it my practice to start many, but finish few?***

## CHAPTER 37 - Making the Ark of the Covenant – Chapters 37 & 38 – Description of Tabernacle Furnishings

*Exo 37:1 Then Bezalel made the ark of acacia wood; two and a half cubits was its length, a cubit and a half its width, and a cubit and a half its height.*

- (Deu 10:3) "So I (Moses, involved to some degree) made an ark of acacia wood, hewed two tablets of stone like the first, and went up the mountain, having the two tablets in my hand.

*Exo 37:2 He overlaid it with pure gold inside and outside, and made a molding of gold all around it.*

- Of Acacia wood...overlaid with pure gold. Exactness as commanded. The fact that the support structure would be made of a particular wood and it would be covered in a certain metal because both the wood and the metal speaks of Christ the Messiah, that He would send.
- **Too often, if our service is just being done for other people, we will do as little as we have to make it look like we are an obedient Christian. But a person that really cares about representing Christ in every area of their life, whether it is seen by other people or it is only seen by God, they're going to do what God's word tells us to do in all areas of our life and God notices all of that! It is all important to Him! Everything about our lives is important to Him and our obedience to those things. (Col 3:17) And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.**
- ***Does my commitment to service depend on who sees it? Is there a difference in my commitment whether it is seen by man or seen by Him?***

*Exo 37:3 And he cast for it four rings of gold to be set in its four corners: two rings on one side, and two rings on the other side of it.*

*Exo 37:4 He made poles of acacia wood, and overlaid them with gold.*

*Exo 37:5 And he put the poles into the rings at the sides of the ark, to bear the ark.*

*Exo 37:6 He also made the mercy seat of pure gold; two and a half cubits was its length and a cubit and a half its width.*

*Exo 37:7 He made two cherubim of beaten gold; he made them of one piece at the two ends of the mercy seat:*

*Exo 37:8 one cherub at one end on this side, and the other cherub at the other end on that side. He made the cherubim at the two ends of one piece with the mercy seat.*

*Exo 37:9 The cherubim spread out their wings above, and covered the mercy seat with their wings. They faced one another; the faces of the cherubim were toward the mercy seat.*

## Making the Table of Showbread

*Exo 37:10 He made the table of acacia wood; two cubits was its length, a cubit its width, and a cubit and a half its height.*

*Exo 37:11 And he overlaid it with pure gold, and made a molding of gold all around it.*

*Exo 37:12 Also he made a frame of a handbreadth all around it, and made a molding of gold for the frame all around it.*

*Exo 37:13 And he cast for it four rings of gold, and put the rings on the four corners that were at its four legs.*

*Exo 37:14 The rings were close to the frame, as holders for the poles to bear the table.*

*Exo 37:15 And he made the poles of acacia wood to bear the table, and overlaid them with gold.*

*Exo 37:16 He made of pure gold the utensils which were on the table: its dishes, its cups, its bowls, and its pitchers for pouring.*

- Again, the obedience. Obedience to the LORD. It is not enough just to hear, we need to obey Him too!

### **Making the Lampstand**

*Exo 37:17 He also made the lampstand of pure gold; of hammered work he made the lampstand. Its shaft, its branches, its bowls, its ornamental knobs, and its flowers were of the same piece.*

*Exo 37:18 And six branches came out of its sides: three branches of the lampstand out of one side, and three branches of the lampstand out of the other side.*

*Exo 37:19 There were three bowls made like almond blossoms on one branch, with an ornamental knob and a flower, and three bowls made like almond blossoms on the other branch, with an ornamental knob and a flower—and so for the six branches coming out of the lampstand.*

*Exo 37:20 And on the lampstand itself were four bowls made like almond blossoms, each with its ornamental knob and flower.*

*Exo 37:21 There was a knob under the first two branches of the same, a knob under the second two branches of the same, and a knob under the third two branches of the same, according to the six branches extending from it.*

- **God's attention to detail!** This is fabulous to me. Some of you are dying, but there are others of us who are enjoying this to the full. God has so much on His heart here, so much that He wants you to know, to convey and communicate to the world through all of these things! And then to find people who get it! And we **will do it!** I mean, He is thrilled here on this!

*Exo 37:22 Their knobs and their branches were of one piece; all of it was one hammered piece of pure gold.*

*Exo 37:23 And he made its seven lamps, its wick-trimmers, and its trays of pure gold.*

*Exo 37:24 Of a talent of pure gold he made it, with all its utensils.*

### **Making the Altar of Incense**

*Exo 37:25 He made the incense altar of acacia wood. Its length was a cubit and its width a cubit—it was square—and two cubits was its height. Its horns were of one piece with it.*

*Exo 37:26 And he overlaid it with pure gold: its top, its sides all around, and its horns. He also made for it a molding of gold all around it.*

*Exo 37:27 He made two rings of gold for it under its molding, by its two corners on both sides, as holders for the poles with which to bear it.*

*Exo 37:28 And he made the poles of acacia wood, and overlaid them with gold.*

*Exo 37:29 He also made the holy anointing oil and the pure incense of sweet spices, according to the work of the perfumer.*

- So not only be hearers of God's word, but doers of the word, all of it was important!

### **CHAPTER 38 - Making the Altar of Burnt Offering**

*Exo 38:1 He made the altar of burnt offering of acacia wood; five cubits was its length and five cubits its width—it was square—and its height was three cubits.*

- *On the altar of burnt offering of burnt offering the victim was offered and sin was judged.* It was here the individual or the nation came to take care of the sin problem. When this altar was constructed, no other altar could be made. This was the approach to God and any other altar built anywhere else

would have been blasphemy. It was in the place of prominence because the sin question was settled here. There could be no such thing as worship or blessing until one had come to the bronze altar.

- **The horns on the altar speak of strength—the ability of Jesus Christ to save.** There are many instructions and details about the approach and care of this altar. There had to be certain pots, pans, staves and rings. The important thing to remember, however, is its function of settling the sin problem.

*Exo 38:2 He made its horns on its four corners; the horns were of one piece with it. And he overlaid it with bronze.*

*Exo 38:3 He made all the utensils for the altar: the pans, the shovels, the basins, the forks, and the firepans; all its utensils he made of bronze.*

*Exo 38:4 And he made a grate of bronze network for the altar, under its rim, midway from the bottom.*

*Exo 38:5 He cast four rings for the four corners of the bronze grating, as holders for the poles.*

*Exo 38:6 And he made the poles of acacia wood, and overlaid them with bronze.*

*Exo 38:7 Then he put the poles into the rings on the sides of the altar, with which to bear it. He made the altar hollow with boards.*

### **Making the Bronze Basin**

*Exo 38: 8 He made the laver of bronze and its base of bronze, from the bronze mirrors of the serving women who assembled at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.*

- When they made this basin for washing, the laver for the washing of the priests before they would go into the tent itself, they made the laver of bronze, and its base of bronze from the bronze mirrors of the serving women, who brought their mirrors. Now when you get women to give up their mirrors, you have really got women whose hearts have been stirred!
- In Egypt, the mirrors were made of highly polished bronze. When the children of Israel left Egypt, every woman had their mirror. But they now needed the bronze to make this laver for the washing of the priest, so the women all gave up their mirrors, in order for that to happen.
- **True beauty is not found in mirrors, but looking into the word of God, being washed and empowered by the word of God. There was something more important to the women than just looking at themselves. Doing a great service to Him should always be more important than self! How true is that of myself, of my life in Christ?**

### **Making the Court**

*Exo 38:9 Then he made the court on the south side; the hangings of the court were of fine woven linen, one hundred cubits long.*

- Outside of the tabernacle, the tent of meeting, you had a courtyard that was made by curtains hanging on brass poles seven and a half feet high. And it went around the tent, and the gate was opened towards the east. Coming in the gate, the first thing that you came to was the altar where the sacrifices were made. Beyond that was this brass bowl, which was for the bathing for the priests. Thus, the sanctuary. As you read through this description here, it describes the sizes, the dimensions, how they were put together, and how they made everything, which is what you are reading in these chapters.

*Exo 38:10 There were twenty pillars for them, with twenty bronze sockets. The hooks of the pillars and their bands were silver.*

- *The hooks of the pillars and their bands were of silver*, the metal of redemption. The fence of the outer court kept man out, but God made a way for him to enter. He found a way to judge sin and provided a redemption for man that he might be clothed in the righteousness of Christ. What a picture! You can look at the tabernacle and get the gospel. God has given it to us in picture form.

*Exo 38:11 On the north side the hangings were one hundred cubits long, with twenty pillars and their twenty bronze sockets. The hooks of the pillars and their bands were silver.*

*Exo 38:12 And on the west side there were hangings of fifty cubits, with ten pillars and their ten sockets. The hooks of the pillars and their bands were silver.*

*Exo 38:13 For the east side the hangings were fifty cubits.*

*Exo 38:14 The hangings of one side of the gate were fifteen cubits long, with their three pillars and their three sockets,*

*Exo 38:15 and the same for the other side of the court gate; on this side and that were hangings of fifteen cubits, with their three pillars and their three sockets.*

*Exo 38:16 All the hangings of the court all around were of fine woven linen.*

*Exo 38:17 The sockets for the pillars were bronze, the hooks of the pillars and their bands were silver, and the overlay of their capitals was silver; and all the pillars of the court had bands of silver.*

*Exo 38:18 The screen for the gate of the court was woven of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and of fine woven linen. The length was twenty cubits, and the height along its width was five cubits, corresponding to the hangings of the court.*

- **There was an entrance to the court. Man did not climb over the fence.** He had to come in through the gate. (Exo 38:18).
- **All of the material and color speaks of the person of Christ.** We have been through this before, but it will not hurt to repeat. Blue speaks of the fact that He came from heaven as deity. The scarlet speaks of His humanity and the blood He shed for mankind. The blue and scarlet combined make purple which speaks of His royalty. He was born King of the Jews.
- **The gate was as high as the fence was on the outside.** It was about seven and one-half feet, too tall for a person to see over. There was no way to get into the court except through this entrance. It was a wide entrance, wide enough for any sinner to enter, but it was the *only* way one could enter. Christ has said that He is the *way*, the *truth*, and the *life*. I like to think of the gate into the court as being the *way*.
- **The next of the three entrances that would bring one into the very presence of God,** is the entrance into the Holy Place. I like to think of that as being “the truth.” Christ also said that if you are going to worship God, you will have to worship Him in spirit and in *truth*. I do not mean to be harsh, but “worship” in a church that denies who Christ is and what He has done is not true worship. You have to worship Him in truth. You cannot deny the deity of Christ and the fact that He died for you and still worship Him. It would be best for a lot of people if they did not go to certain churches at all. Their own condition is not good, and the church they are attending is insulting the Lord Jesus Christ by denying His deity.
- **Then the final entrance which brought one into the very Holy of Holies** was the entrance through the veil which speaks of the life Christ gave up on the Cross. When He died, that veil was torn in two from the top to the bottom, signifying that the way to God was now open. That is *life*. Christ is the *way*, the *truth*, and the *life*. No one comes into the presence of the Father but by Him (*Joh 14:6*).
- **Next I want to call your attention to the question of the individual Israelite.** The nation Israel is called a “son.” (*Exo 4:22*) *Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD: "Israel is My son, My firstborn.* God never called the individual Israelite, son. The question was, and is today, “Who is a Jew?” Is a Jew one who has been born a Jew or does his religion make him a Jew? In the Old Testament you had to be born a Jew to be one. God made a provision that everyone had to be redeemed, which means that each individual had to be a born again one. Israel was a chosen nation, but each individual had to be redeemed.

*Exo 38:19 And there were four pillars with their four sockets of bronze; their hooks were silver, and the overlay of their capitals and their bands was silver.*

*Exo 38:20 All the pegs of the tabernacle, and of the court all around, were bronze.*

### **Materials for the Tabernacle**

*Exo 38:21 This is the inventory of the tabernacle, the tabernacle of the Testimony, which was counted according to the commandment of Moses, for the service of the Levites, by the hand of Ithamar, son of Aaron the priest.*

- **Moses builds a system accountability here!** Just because God's people have given a ton of resources toward the building of this, does not mean that the money and the resources are to be wasted, or that there should not be a means of tracking these things. Moses sets in place a means of understanding who got how much, of what order to build, what they built, so that he could understand where all of these resources were going. When God blesses above and beyond our needs in a human life, in a church or in a ministry, there is no excuse to ever become casual about money or to just fritter it away or spend it carelessly! There is accountability here! There should be accountability and integrity in these things.



*Exo 38:22 Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the LORD had commanded Moses.*

*Exo 38:23 And with him was Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver and designer, a weaver of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and of fine linen.*

*Exo 38:24 All the gold that was used in all the work of the holy place, that is, the gold of the offering, was twenty-nine talents and seven hundred and thirty shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary.*

- That is about a ton of gold! At the current value of gold at \$2,600/oz. it is about \$85 million worth of gold!

*Exo 38:25 And the silver from those who were numbered of the congregation was one hundred talents and one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary:*

- The silver was worth more than \$3 million at current value of \$30/oz. This was a beautiful, expensive little tabernacle that they were building for God, a little tent where they might meet God in the wilderness!

*Exo 38:26 a bekah for each man (that is, half a shekel, according to the shekel of the sanctuary), for everyone included in the numbering from twenty years old and above, for six hundred and three thousand, five hundred and fifty men.*

- (Num 2:32) These are the ones who were numbered of the children of Israel by their fathers' houses. All who were numbered according to their armies of the forces were six hundred and three thousand five hundred and fifty.
- The Jews brought silver because it was the metal of redemption. Every Israelite had to be redeemed to be acceptable. We have been redeemed by the precious blood of Christ which is more precious than silver or gold. Now, every individual Israelite was not saved. Only a remnant of the nation was saved, just as not all church members are saved.

*Exo 38:27 And from the hundred talents of silver were cast the sockets of the sanctuary and the bases of the veil: one hundred sockets from the hundred talents, one talent for each socket.*

- The sockets were made out of the redemption money. This is where the tabernacle proper was placed. It rested upon silver. It rested upon redemption. Every individual will have to personally accept the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. You have to pay the redemption price. What is it? Well, it is not silver or gold. The only condition is that you must be thirsty. Would you like to have a drink of the water of life? It is free. Salvation is free, but it is not cheap. It cost God everything. He gave His Son to die on the Cross and to pay the price of our redemption. We are redeemed by His blood.
- In the wilderness, redemption was forced upon the nation of Israel. But when they got into the land, if they wanted to be numbered with the redeemed, they had to pay the price of redemption. Thank God it has already been paid for us. It does not cost any money. It does not have any price—but you must be thirsty for it. Do you want to be saved? Do you recognize that you have a need, that you are a sinner? Then come. The price has been paid. Christ has shed His precious blood for you. It enables you to come to God and to be accepted by Him through Christ!

*Exo 38:28 Then from the one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five shekels he made hooks for the pillars, overlaid their capitals, and made bands for them. (about four tons of silver used in the Tabernacle)*

*Exo 38:29 The offering of bronze was seventy talents and two thousand four hundred shekels.*

*Exo 38:30 And with it he made the sockets for the door of the tabernacle of meeting, the bronze altar, the bronze grating for it, and all the utensils for the altar,*

*Exo 38:31 the sockets for the court all around, the bases for the court gate, all the pegs for the tabernacle, and all the pegs for the court all around.*

- To communicate the value of the Messiah for whom all of this was assembled and a picture of Him, a Savior, whom He is going to send in the world. Priceless, but also to communicate the value, because the Bible speaks of us in the New Testament as the Tabernacle or as the temple of the Holy Spirit.
- To communicate the value of a spirit filled church, it is a living temple in the world, made-up of God's people. What a value that is to the world. Now the world does not consider us highly valuable at the moment, certainly increasingly less in the USA. But one day there is going to be a trumpet that we are going to hear from heaven. There is going to be a call that says come up here, which the apostle John heard when he saw the vision of *The Revelation*! And we will be out of here in this. With it now, the

absence of the restraining power of the Holy Spirit through the church in this world. Once that is removed from this world, this place becomes literally hell on Earth! The church is a priceless thing. The work of the Holy Spirit through the church in the world today!

## SUMMARY

- **Is my life balanced, in not only being a hearer of the word, but also being an obedient doer? How about you? Attending the studies weekly, hearing the Word of God, how are you in being a doer of His Word?** (Exo 36:1)
- **Looking at my life, my Christian walk, can I say that my heart is really stirred and I am a willing respondent to His calling by demonstrating a surrendered, willing heart?** (Exo 36:2)
- **What is my record for finishing the things the LORD has called me to do? Is it my practice to start many, but finish few?** (Exo 36:38)
- **Does my commitment to service depend on who sees it? Is there a difference in my commitment whether it is seen by man or seen by Him?** (Exo 37:2)
- **True beauty is not found in mirrors, but looking into the word of God, being washed and empowered by the word of God. There was something more important to the women than just looking at themselves. Doing a great service to Him should always be more important than self! How true is that of myself, of my life in Christ?** (Exo 38:8)
- (James 1:22) But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves!

## CLOSING SONG

**JOY TO THE WORLD** – Isaac Watts (1719) – Handel (2:12/2:15)

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come. Let earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare Him room  
And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing*

*Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ. While fields and floods, rocks, hills and  
plains Repeat the sounding joy; Repeat the sounding joy; Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy*

*He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders, of  
His love.*

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come. Let earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare Him room  
And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing!*

### **The Background of ‘Joy to the World’**

English hymn-writer Isaac Watts was the author of “*Joy to the World*,” a poem based on Psalm 98 that was included in a poetry collection he wrote in 1719. The poem was never intended to be a Christmas song. It was over a century later, in 1836, that a man named Lowell Mason set the hymn to music. Mason was a Boston music teacher and the leading Presbyterian hymn composer in the United States. He published “*Joy to the World*” during the Christmas season, and that is how the song became associated with the holiday celebrating the birth of Jesus. At one point it was reportedly the most published Christmas carol in the United States.

“*Joy to the World*” is about when He comes again and rules in power and justice and mercy, when sin will finally be evicted, and all of humanity will bask in the glory of the Almighty’s righteousness.

## CLOSING PRAYER

**NEXT WEEK: Read and study Exodus Chapters 39-40!**