

EXODUS: The Person, Promise, and Power of God

Exodus 35 – Worship and Generosity

**²¹ And they came, everyone whose heart stirred him,
and everyone whose spirit moved him,
and brought the Lord's contribution to be used for the tent of meeting,
and for all its service, and for the holy garments.**

Exodus 35:21

How we got here ...

Ch. 32 ...

Ch. 33 ...

Ch. 44 ...

A Supreme Command

35 Moses assembled all the congregation of the people of Israel and said to them, "These are the things that the Lord has commanded you to do. ² Six days work shall be done, but on the seventh day you shall have a Sabbath of solemn rest, holy to the Lord. Whoever does any work on it shall be put to death. ³ You shall kindle no fire in all your dwelling places on the Sabbath day." (Exodus 35:1-3)

The general command to worship and serve under the authority of the word of God leads into the *supreme command* that is to govern God's people – the observation of the _____.

Why?

- 1) The Sabbath was the sign of the _____, the visible weekly *proof* that the people of Israel were keeping their part God's requirement for them as His particular people.
- 2) Keeping the covenant sign was the means of their _____ from and _____ by God.
- 3) Correct _____ of God was the defining mark of the true _____ of God.
- 4) The regular, intentional _____ of God was essential to their _____ to Him.

A summary of the Tabernacle and the materials to be provided ...

⁴ Moses said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, "This is the thing that the Lord has commanded.

⁵ Take from among you a contribution to the Lord. Whoever is of a generous heart, let him bring the Lord's contribution: gold, silver, and bronze;

⁶ blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen; goats' hair, ⁷ tanned rams' skins, and goatskins; acacia wood, ⁸ oil for the light, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense, ⁹ and onyx stones and stones for setting, for the ephod and for the breastpiece.

¹⁰ "Let every skillful craftsman among you come and make all that the Lord has commanded: ¹¹ the tabernacle, its tent and its covering, its hooks and its frames, its bars, its pillars, and its bases; ¹² the ark with its poles, the mercy seat, and the veil of the screen; ¹³ the table with its poles and all its utensils, and the bread of the Presence; ¹⁴ the lampstand also for the light, with its utensils and its lamps, and the oil for the light; ¹⁵ and the altar of incense, with its poles, and the anointing oil and the fragrant incense, and the screen for the door, at the door of the tabernacle; ¹⁶ the altar of burnt offering, with its grating of bronze, its poles, and all its utensils, the basin and its stand; ¹⁷ the hangings of the court, its pillars and its bases, and the screen for the gate of the court; ¹⁸ the pegs of the tabernacle and the pegs of the court, and their cords; ¹⁹ the finely worked garments for ministering in the Holy Place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, for their service as priests." (Exodus 35:4-19)

Preliminaries ...

Opportunities ...

The men ...

The women ...

Fulfillment ...

Some thoughts on the **scope** and **scale** ...

Israel's Obedient Response – A Freewill Offering

⁴ Moses said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, "This is the thing that the Lord has commanded.

⁵ Take from among you a contribution to the Lord. **Whoever is of a generous* heart ...** (Ex. 35:4a)

²⁰ Then all the congregation of the people of Israel departed from the presence of Moses. ²¹ And they came, **everyone whose heart stirred him, and everyone whose spirit moved him**, and brought the Lord's contribution to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service, and for the holy garments. ²² So they came, both men and women. **All who were of a willing heart** brought brooches and earrings and signet rings and armlets, all sorts of gold objects, every man dedicating an offering of gold to the Lord. ²³ And every one who possessed blue or purple or scarlet yarns or fine linen or goats' hair or tanned rams' skins or goatskins brought them. ²⁴ **Everyone who could make a contribution of silver or bronze brought it as the Lord's contribution.** And every one who possessed acacia wood of any use in the work brought it.

²⁵ And every skillful woman spun with her hands, and they all brought what they had spun in blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen. ²⁶ **All the women whose hearts stirred them** to use their skill spun the goats' hair. ²⁷ And the leaders brought onyx stones and stones to be set, for the ephod and for the breastpiece, ²⁸ and spices and oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the fragrant incense.

²⁹ **All the men and women, the people of Israel, whose heart moved them to bring anything for the work that the Lord had commanded by Moses to be done brought it as a freewill offering to the Lord.** (Exodus 35:20-29)

The command? Take up a _____.

The condition? Obedience must come from the _____. (7 verses in ch. 35 refer to it)

And giving was based on what a person _____, not what they _____!

Why this is important today?

Biblical conditions of generosity*:

_____ to the will of the Sovereign King

_____ for ...

... the amazing _____ shown to them

... the _____ of God toward them

_____ to honor and glorify Him among all people

_____ and centrality of God in their lives

Next week: Exodus 36 - *Worship and Obedience*