

Meet Bezaleel  
(Exodus 31:2-5)

And I have filled him with the spirit of God...Exodus 31:2a

There is an abundance of lessons to learn from biblical characters. Some have intricate details describing their lives, while others are more obscure; but all of the accounts have spiritual truths and principles to impart to us today.

One of the lesser known biblical characters is Bezaleel who is mentioned a few times in Exodus and Chronicles. Just the meaning of his name- "*in the shadow of God*"- is enough to cause us to contemplate the depth of such a position. We are reminded in Psalm 91 that he who dwells in the secret place of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. Was it because Bezaleel dwelt in that shadow that God sanctions him for a special purpose by filling him with His Spirit? Being filled with God's Spirit endowed Bezaleel with the wisdom, knowledge, and skill to become the main architect of the tabernacle and the articles used in the worship of God. When completed, the tabernacle would be the place where the fire of God's glory would descend and emanate wondrously in the sight of Israel. This glory of God's presence was to be the focal point upon which Israel's faith and culture revolved. Because of Bezaleel's spirit-filled obedience, God used him to impact the lives of countless others.

Bezaleel's example is a good one for us to emulate in our own lives. If we abide everyday in the Lord's shadow, He will provide us with the opportunity to be emptied of ourselves and filled and instructed by His Spirit. Only then can God take our efforts to do His works whether great or small, recognized or unnoticed by men, and use all for His glory. If we fail in this, all of our efforts can only be fueled by our own carnal energy and knowledge and will therefore be deficient of the necessary heavenly power that impacts the lives of others.

O Lord, may your Spirit that filled Bezaleel, fill us this day as we humbly perform your works, and may Your glory shine through us.

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