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X is 39 versus 32 through 43. These are god's words Thus, all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting. Was finished. And the children of israel did according to all that. Yahweh had commanded Moses. So they did. And they brought the tabernacle to Moses the tent and all its furnishings.

It's class, it's boards. It's bars, it's pillars and it's sockets. The covering of ram skins dyed red the covering of badger skin's. The veil of the covering. The ark of the testimony with its polls on the mercy seat. The table. Oh, it's utensils. In the showbread. The pure gold lamp stand with its lamps, the lamps set in order.

All its utensils and the oil for light. The gold altar. The anointing oil. And this sweet incense. The screen for the tabernacle door. The bronze alter, it's great of bronze. It's poles and all its utensils The labor with its base, the hangings of the court. It's pillars and its sockets.

The screen for the court gate, it's chords and its pegs. All the utensils for the service of the tabernacle for the tentative meeting. And the garments of ministry to minister in the holy place. The holy garments for Aaron, the priest and his son's garments to minister his priests. According to all.

That yahweh had commanded Moses. So, the children of israel did. Well, the work Then moses looked over. All the work. And indeed they had done it. As Yahweh had commanded just so they had done it. And Moses. Blessed them.

Amen, the sends this reading. Of god's inspired and inherent worked.

Often the work of the lord, seems to take a long time. Peter writes of those who say, why does he delay? And yet, the lord does not slow as some counts, slowness. He is exactly accomplishing all of his holy will. Or to use. Uh, the old preachers metaphor. And, Uh, we say it reverently.

The lord's train may seem slow, but it's always. Right on time. He finishes, what he started. He's not the god of the evolutionist. With chaos supposedly producing order. If you give it enough time, And things going off in every which direction until finally it settles down on something. Uh, usable.

He's not the god. Of the reincarnationist. The things that everything is always going in cycles. The lord's work. Gets. Finished. Even The work through the israelites of making the tabernacle. The lord. Here. Uh, gives us the fact that it was finished. Verse 32. Uh, he gives us a review, the review takes a long time because these were many things that were made.

Inverses 33 through 41, needless the things. Any bookends that with according to all that you always had commanded moses. So they did. Uh, up in verse 32 and then immediately, he says, according to all, that y'all play had commanded Moses. So, the children of Israel did all the work.

Uh verse 42. So he gives us the finishing of the work, the reviewing of the work and then his approval of it, just so they had done it. And Moses blessed them. Now, one of the things that's helpful to us, when we see this and really the the great conclusion to The tabernacle work is when God owns the tabernacle and inhabits the tabernacle, That's coming up.

In chapter 40. Uh but one of the things that we see here in the context of the rest of the scripture is that God is showing something about himself or reminding us of something about himself. In the relation to his work. This is actually something that he said at the cross or sorry.

It is something you said at the cross. It was first something he said with respect to the creation. And it's something he said with respect to the cross and the Lord Jesus's atoning work. As our redeemer. As our mediator. And as something that we look forward to and we see him saying even in Revelation 21 at the resurrection, And at the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, when all of the application of the salvation that Jesus has accomplished He had finished accomplishing it.

At the cross and yet he continues. Even now even this afternoon Through the preaching of his word to apply it. And perhaps wherever you are. Uh, whether you're thinking about your own life and the process of sanctification and all the things, That you feel that you need to do and you walk with the Lord, or in your leadership of your family or participation and that or thinking about your future.

And am I ever going to have a family of my own? Uh, some of you. Young men may wonder before God, and it just seems like there's a lot to be done. And it happens to us. It seems to happen, so slowly. And so it's a great encouragement to know that we belong to a God, who finishes His work.

It took a while it was a little bit tiring. And that may be. Related to a number of circumstantial factors. But as kind of like the All of. We don't call them a couturements. What do we accessories of the daughters of Israel? And they're a modesty In Isaiah 3 earlier.

And Jim just kept reading and reading and reading all of the things that in order to get rid of the, the things by which they made display of themselves, the Lord would take away from them. Uh, well, here we have a much better exhausting list all of the things and we remember That as we went through each one of every, one of them, communicated something, wonderful, something merciful something powerful.

About how God would dwell with his people and bless them. How God would dwell with you and bless you not through this tabernacle with ramkins and dolphin skins. Um, apologies to the translators. But how God has come and dwelt with us and will dwell with us forever? Physically in human skin.

The word became. Flesh and tabernacle among us, and at the end, The great announcement is and now, the tabernacling of God is with, man. In Revelation 21. Praise God. But he revealed himself. At first as. The the God who finishes his work. Uh Genesis 2:1, thus the heavens and the earth and all the host of them were finished.

And now, in our passage thus all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting. And we could even say from verse 33 to first 41 and all the host of it. Was finished. And Jesus on the cross. Having suffered the last drop of the wrath of God for our sin.

Saying it has been. Finished. On the cross. And even what we were referring to just a moment to go. Revelation 21 verse 6.

And he said to me, It is done. I am the alpha and the omega. The beginning and the end. And what a great comfort that is to us, who whether we're thinking about our own life, or whether we're thinking about what the lord is doing in the church, and it seems very rough and unfinished.

Depending on when and where you look. And, The when being now and the where being here, it looks very rough right now, doesn't it? And yet the promise of philippians one, six holds true. Because of who is doing the work? Being confident of this very thing that he who began the good work in you.

We'll bring it to completion. In the day of christ, jesus. He began the creation. He systematically did everything, he was going to do in creation and it was done and he said thus, it was finished. He came. As a man and he began his human life and then around the age of 30 began his earthly ministry and does the time of approached.

And he knew it, he set his face to jerusalem, he came to give his life as a ransom to seek and say what was lost. And when he had finished it, when he had completed the work, he said that is finished. And even now, All that god has ordered for the gathering in perfecting of his saints.

He is doing exactly according to his plan. He has not just A great book for the history of the whole application of his redemption to the church, and the construction of the church in his book, every one of your day. Has been written before. One of them came to me.

And there'll be a day, when it when Uh, there'll be a day that comes when it will be the last one of your days written in his book. And that will be finished. And death that one-time. Great enemy. Will join. The day. Of your conversion, your faith and the day of your resurrection in glorifying you.

How humiliated death must be. The moment you believe in jesus, your glorified, in your standing. And there is coming a day and the bodily resurrection, where you will be glorified in your body and in between There is the day of death when you will be glorified in your soul.

So has the lord jesus bent his enemy under his foot. And your enemy. Under. Your foot. The lord is the lord, who finishes. His work. And it is an assurance. It's a reminder. That the day is coming. When the tabernacling of god, surely will be. With men. Well, he's not just a god who finishes his work?

He's a god who reviews his work. If you start reading your bible at genesis 1, verse 1 and you well, that's one of the first things you learn about god. Is that he observes his work. He looks at what he's doing. And the lord saw. Whatever it was that he made, whatever it was he made.

And then the lord saw all that he had made, we see that in the verse right before we were thinking about. Genesis 2 verse 1, the verse right before it is genesis 1 verse 31. Then god saw everything that he had made. Because especially in this is one of the places where our Trinitarian doctrine Uh really helps us understand the significance of what's going on here.

That's the genius of reformed theology. By the way, it is just good. Trinitarian doctrine applied to salvation. The father, who, who purposes and the son, who accomplishes the spirit who applies? God delighting in himself to do what has pleased him to do from before the world began. Then this wonderful unbreakable unstoppable plan to glorify himself.

In redeeming sinners and joining them to the sun by the spirit through whom they are. Therefore, and thereby. Adopted by the father. But john lets us in. On why especially it is that

god loves to review and observe his work because he does everything through the word. He does everything through the sun.

And the sun has been face to face. Literally, i know it says it must of our translations in the beginning, was the word and the word was with god, but the preposition is facing It is the preposition from which you get the Greek word for face. And the word was facing god.

So here god is acting in the creation through his son and he loves to observe everything that he is making through the sun. This is why his eye is especially upon and he does this reviewing. Of his work. The last day. And christ will present his work to himself.

We were thinking about that hearing about that and ephesians 5:20, 27, and the men's breakfast. Uh, yesterday morning. That all of jesus's dying for his bride. All of the ongoing work of sanctifying her giving himself to this washing of her with the water in the word. It's all it.

All has a focus. It is it is aiming at that day when he presents her to himself. The true and great presentation day. Um, i think We missed a presentation day once traveling. I'm not sure think it might have got canceled after we We're going to travel, but this is a presentation day that we will not miss.

Jesus, presenting his bride. To himself. Not only will he present the bride to himself, he's going to present the kingdom to the father first Corinthians 15:24. That in the last day. Uh, jesus will present what he has secured. What? He has produced by his spirit. What he has ruled as king and when it has been perfected and all the enemies are gone, the last enemy being death, He presents the kingdom to his father.

And he says, There's no need anymore. For any rulers or authorities. It's done. There's a presentation day. The lord is always observing his son. And this is why. The lord doesn't just review his work. He observes what he is doing in the sun. He reviews it with love. And he reviews it with pleasure.

It's marvelous to hear, not just and the lord saw, and the lord saw on the lord saw, and the lord saw All that he had made and it was good. Oh sorry all that you had made but and it was good and it was good and it was good and it was very good.

At the beginning and end of jesus's earthly ministry he does this too, doesn't? He has baptism? Behold my son. Whom i love my beloved son. With whom i am. Well pleased. And then, at the transfiguration, Behold my son. This is my beloved son. With whom i am. Well pleased.

Listen to him. Echoing what? He had prophesied in Isaiah chapter 42 where god had described his beloved servant and whom his soul delights. He pronounces this blessing, this approval. Upon us in time, we don't know. At the time, they didn't know we do. What it would cost. When number six was first pronounced and as it was pronounced from from that day on That in order.

For them him to say, the lord bless you. Christ would have to experience on the cross, the lord curse. You In order to hire us to hear week by week and keep you. Christ would have to hear on the, or experience on the cross the forsakeness. My god. My god, why?

Have you forsaken me? The lord lift up his countenance upon you in christ would experience. The turning away. And his human experience. Of god. Uh, he would experience the turning away. Of the face of the father. The face of god. And so forth. And yet, he pronounces upon us

that which belongs to jesus, Because his plan was to save us in jesus to whom this blessedness Belongs.

And we don't know. How much Moses knew? We know that peter by the. Holy spirit says that the prophets of old Really wanted to know who and when the details about what they were writing as they prophesied by the spirit of christ. How much did he know? Probably more than we even now.

About these clasps and boards and bars and sockets and ramkins and dolphin skins, and the ark and the poles, and the emergency, and the utensils in the showbread tables for fellowship, lampstand for light. Incense for sweet smelling and approval and pleasure in us. And so forth. And in all of these things.

There was The blessing, the pleasure of god and as Moses reviews it. He looks over all the work verse 43. Indeed, they had done it, as yahweh had commanded, just so they had done it. What a glorious miracle. Precise obedience on behalf of the israelites was. And yet we've seen that the lord has been providing that by his grace.

Moses, of course, being the one through whom the commandment came, so he was commanding in the place of god. And the one who does the reviewing. And so he's a reminder that god is always viewing what they're doing. And then moses blessing them. As the mouth of god. To bless them.

That's by the that's why by the way, we have in our In our polity and in our Guidelines, by which our Uh church has agreed with other arp churches to try to follow the bible together. That only a minister of the gospel can pronounce the benediction. Is because the benediction is coming out of his mouth as from the mouth of god.

He is christ's ambassador to you like the ambassador from one country to another, but in this case, an official Um, envoy of the lord jesus, announcing that the blessing continues. That god is observing and approving. Of his work in christ. What a great encouragement. To us. We mentioned it a little bit this morning thinking about, How even though we're still sinners and we can We can cause each other spiritual harm even Even well intended.

And yet. God is accomplishing his work in christ by his spirit and as he reviews what he is doing, he is pleased with it. He is pleased with his son and what he sees of his son in. You, there's much yet in you, that is not of the son and he's not pleased with that.

And it's okay to say god was displeased with me. What i said, He wasn't displeased with christ, he doesn't displeased with you in union with him. But he is displeased. With that, which is left in you, that is not of christ. And yet, when it comes down to it, we say yet.

Not i but christ in me with the apostle. And we say of our sin. Not meaning that we're not responsible or that it doesn't come from us. But laying hold of that wonderful truth. That we have a new nature, a new identity and union with christ. It wasn't, i who did it, but the sin that dwells in me Saying that the fundamental eye is that one.

United to christ with whom god is. Pleased. His beloved son. With whom, He is well, pleased. And we're looking forward to the day. Uh, we'll be there not too long from now and the co readings, if the lord, if the lord spares us As we move through 2nd Timothy Quite paul's, eagerness.

Uh, to have his work reviewed as it were. To hear. Well done. My good and And faithful servant. We look forward to the day. And we look forward to the The day not just of our departure but of

the judgment. I think. Very often, we think of the the judgment particularly with respect to those who are Who are cast away, who are set aside to whom the lord says, Truly, i don't know you.

As he does to to half of the 10 virgins in who represent the visible church in that parabola or even worse. I tell you the truth. I never knew you. As he does too many. Who will who have said of him? Lord, lord, according to matthew chapter 7 and it's true.

That one of the great things about the judgment is the vindication of the righteousness and justice of god who shall patiently bore, With so much wickedness but another glorious thing about the judgment. Is the open acknowledgment and vindication of those who are in christ. For whom all their sins.

Have been wiped away a toned for. And there are many good works that have been done in the lord jesus that our acknowledged and rewarded. The lord jesus says verse 12 revelation 22. Behold, i am coming quickly and my reward is with me to give everyone according to his Work.

And what he gives. Uh, to those who are his, we find a few few verses earlier, He showed me a pure of just read from the beginning of the chapter, he showed me a pure river of the water of life, clear as crystal. Proceeding from the throne of god and of the lamb in the middle of its street.

And on either side of the river was the tree of life. Which bore 12 fruits, each tree yielding, its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse. But the throne of god and of the lamb shall be in it.

And his servant shall serve him. They shall see his face. And his name shall be on their foreheads. And there shall be no light there. They need no lamp nor light of the sun. For the lord, god gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever. I hope you noticed there in verses three through five, that is the ironic blessing.

It's continues for christians. We're not. Um, We're not committing this, the error of covenantal appropriation when we have the blessing of numbers chapter 6. No, he puts his name. Upon them. They shall see his face and his name shall be upon their foreheads. Lifts up his face to them.

They shall see his face. And he shines. His face upon them. There shall be no night there. They need no lamp, nor light of the sun. For the lord gives them. The light. Lift up his face to you and shine. His face upon you. This is the reward. That is with jesus, that is coming.

That is actually According. To your works. If you're a believer, It's those works that were done in christ. It's those works that correspond to him. It is. Those works that are only by grace only by faith. Yes. But god is doing a work in you that he has already begun.

And jesus is coming and a reward is with him, that is in accordance with those things that he started in you that are good We hear of that and we think, oh, i don't want a reward according to my works. And the ones about which you're talking when you say that, that's true, you don't.

But praise god. The one who is in christ is doing actual good. Works through union with jesus And he is going to come and he's going to say, He's going to say my name is on, you just as those works that were done in union with me by my grace.

Deserve. Christ has earned it. But they are. There's an accord between them. And all of that is anticipated here. The exodus 39. Verse 43. I can't find it but we know what it says at the end. And Moses blessed them. God, who had begun the work in them and through them?

Caused it to be completed. He reviewed it. He approved of it. And he blessed them for it. There's a great experience. I'm sure for the israelites, especially the craftsman who are involved in this tremendous project. But dear Christian. Don't you see how the whole story of the bible says this is your experience, too.

God has begun to work in you. Individually, and he's begun his work in his church. He's going to complete the work that he has begun in you. He's going to complete the work that he has begun building his church. And he's going to review it. And he's going to approve of it.

He's gonna bless you. All for the sake of the lord jesus christ and whom he has done the work. And in whom, He will tabernacle among us. Forever. Man, let's play. Oh, lord. How we thank you. That you have come near us in your word to set these things before our minds and hearts.

Particularly, since we freely confess, we openly confess before you. The due to the effects of the sin that continues to dwell in us. We are often Too satisfied by lesser pleasures. Then your blessing, then your face, then your name, then your life. And often we aim too much. At these lower things even apart from The honor of your name or the enjoyment of you.

And so, we praise you for your word, which directs our hearts and minds back to the great purpose for which you have done all things. And all things in our life. And we pray that you would make our hearts to To long. Took glorify you. And enjoy you fully forever.

And we thank you for the reminder here that you are the god who finishes your work. And reviews it. And approves it. And blesses us. Make us to live with joy. Oh god. That for the Sake of the joy set before us. We would patiently persist and endure. Diligently, and all the work that you've given us.

Give us eyes for jesus, as you. Oh god. Have faced him. Loved him and delighted in him forever. And grant lord jesus that by your spirit, we would have eyes also for our father. Even as you lord, jesus have faced him. And loved him. And delighted in him from all eternity.

Oh, we look forward to when we will do so perfectly. But thank you that even now, we may be sure of it then. For, we ask it in your name, lord, jesus. Amen.