

# Doing the Work of God

Exodus 31:1 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, 2 See, I have called by name **Bezaleel the son of Uri,** the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: 3 And I have **filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,** 4 To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, 5 And in cutting of stones, to set *them*, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship. 6 And I, behold, **I have given with him Aholiab,** the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are **wise hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee;** 7 The tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that *is* thereupon, and all the

furniture of the tabernacle, **8** And the table and his furniture, and the pure candlestick with all his furniture, and the altar of incense, **9** And the altar of burnt offering with all his furniture, and the laver and his foot, **10** And the cloths of service, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office, **11** And the anointing oil, and sweet incense for the holy *place*: according to all that I have commanded thee shall they do.

**12** And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, **13** Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily **my**

**sabbaths ye shall keep:** for it *is* **a sign**

**between me and you** throughout your generations; that *ye* may know that I *am* the Lord that doth sanctify you. **14** Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it *is* holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth *any* work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. **15** Six days may work be done; but in the seventh *is* the sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord: whosoever doeth *any* work in the

sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. 16 Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, **for a perpetual covenant.** 17 It is a sign **between me and the children of Israel for ever:** for *in* six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed. 18 And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, **two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.**

1. God gifts people to do the job
  - a. God wanted the tabernacle built, the ark, and the furniture that would go in the tabernacle 7 **The tabernacle** of the congregation, and the **ark** of

the testimony, and the mercy seat that *is* thereupon,  
and all the **furniture** of the tabernacle,

i. The tabernacle had many needs for its construction **8**

And the **table and his furniture**, and the

**pure candlestick** with all his **furniture**,

and the **altar of incense**, **9** And the **altar of**

**burnt offering** with all his **furniture**, and

the **laver and his foot**,

ii. There were clothes that needed to be made **10** And

the **cloths of service**, and the **holy**

**garments** for Aaron the priest, and the

**garments** of his sons, to minister in the priest's  
office,

iii. There were needs for different articles, oils, and  
incenses to be used in worship **11** And the

**anointing oil**, and **sweet incense** for the

*holy place*: according to all that I have commanded  
thee shall they do.

b. God prepared a special man to lead this ministry.

- i. It wasn't Moses, Aaron, or Joshua so God has lots of people that He uses
- ii. He chose Bezaleel **31:1** And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, **2** See, I have called by name **Bezaleel the son of Uri**, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:
  1. Many pastors may have made you feel that God gave the pastor the special dose of the Holy Spirit
  2. Here you see God giving His spirit to a man that is going to be an artisan, a worker with his hands
- iii. God filled him with His spirit **3** And I have **filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,**
  1. Many pastors may have made you feel that God gave the pastor the special dose of the Holy Spirit
  2. Here you see God giving His spirit to a man that is going to be an artisan, a worker with his hands
- iv. God filled him with His spirit but gave him special abilities **3** And I have **filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in**

## **understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,**

1. He could see and understand
  2. He knew what he was doing
  3. He understood the job
- v. He literally was gifted by God with special abilities to do this work **4 To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, 5 And in cutting of stones, to set *them*, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship.**

1. He may have thought I just like to do this work
2. He may have thought this is the way I can make a living
3. He may of considered that he was just lucky and blessed to be able to do what he could do
4. But God had a special plan for Bezaleel's life

- c. God gave Bezaleel special people to work with him **6**

**And I, behold, I have given with him**

**Aholiab,** the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan:

and in the hearts of all that are **wise hearted I**

**have put wisdom, that they may  
make all that I have commanded  
thee;**

- i. Aholiab was also very gifted
- ii. He was able to do all that God wanted and needed done
- iii. His purpose was much greater than caring for his family or making money
- iv. Apparently with Aholiab God also gave several others to work with them and gifted them as well **6 And I, behold, I have given with him**

**Aholiab**, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of

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**that are wise hearted I**

**have put wisdom, that they may  
make all that I have commanded  
thee;**

- d. These men would only carry out what God wanted done.
  - i. They were not men with a personal agenda but rather men who would do God's will
  - ii. They would discover their purpose for being alive in the tabernacle
- e. The question then is
  - i. Does God have a work for us to do here and now at Vision Baptist Church and around the world?
  - ii. Does God still gift men to do His work?
  - iii. Are you gifted with special abilities
    - 1. You can see what needs done
    - 2. You don't just talk about it but you get it done
    - 3. You have the ability to help others get the job done
    - 4. You actually use your abilities in your own life and work but haven't considered that maybe God blessed you to do His service
  - iv. Have you wondered why God made you like you are and with your special gifting?
  - v. Will you surrender your gifts to the Lord?
- f. Consider how we are taught to do the work in the New Testament



- i. God gives gifted people to the church to train and equip so that all are involved in the work of the Lord
- Ephesians 4:11** And **he gave some**, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; **12** For the **perfecting** of the **saints**, for the **work** of the **ministry**, for the **edifying of the body** of Christ: **13** **Till** we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: **14** That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; **15** But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ: **16** From whom **the whole body fitly joined together** and compacted by that which **every joint supplieth**, according to

the **effectual working** in the measure of **every part**, maketh **increase of the body** unto the edifying of itself in love.

- ii. No one is to keep to himself what the Lord has shown him **II Timothy 2:2** **And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.**
- iii. Will you get in and get the training you need?
- iv. Will you share with others what God is teaching you?
- v. Will you do the work in the church of God that you were made and prepared to do?

## 2. The sabbath day

- a. The sabbath day means seventh day and is on Saturday **15** **Six days may work be done; but in the seventh** *is* the sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord: **whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death.**

- b. Violating the sabbath day brought the death penalty 14  
Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it *is* holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth *any* work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people.
- c. The nation of Israel was to always keep the sabbath 16  
Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, **for a perpetual covenant.**
- d. The sabbath day was really a sign between God and Israel 13 Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily **my sabbaths ye shall keep:** for it *is* **a sign between me and you** throughout your generations; that ye may know that I *am* the Lord that doth sanctify you. 17 It is a sign **between me and the children of Israel for ever:** for *in*

six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

- e. So some truths that I want to remember
  - i. Saturday was the day of rest
  - ii. It was the day for the Jews
  - iii. It was a sign and covenant between God and the Jews
  - iv. It was a death penalty offense to violate it
  - v. The church does not nor has the true church ever exercised the death penalty
  - vi. Many Christians have brought over much of the law to the church
  - vii. They think it works in the New Testament but it doesn't
  - viii. Keeping the sabbath, the day of rest, is on the same level as requiring Christians to be circumcised
  - ix. There is nothing wrong with trying to honor Sunday and not work then but you are under no commandment
  - x. We are not the nation of Israel. Israel and the church are not the same entity

3. God wrote the commandments with His finger **18** And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, **two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.**

a. The ten commandments are also called the tables of testimony

b. They are on stone tablets **II Corinthians 3:6** Who also hath made us able ministers of the **new testament;** not of the letter, but of the spirit: for **the letter killeth,** but the spirit giveth life.

7 But if the **ministration of death,** written *and engraven in stones,* was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which *glory* was to be done away: **9**

For if the **ministration of condemnation**

*be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.*

- i. The letter kills
  - ii. It is the ministry of death
  - iii. Engraved in stones
  - iv. Ministry of condemnation
- c. The beauty is that you have seen that they are under the mercy seat [Exodus 25:21](#) *And thou shalt put the **mercy seat above upon the ark;** and in the ark thou shalt put the **testimony** that I shall give thee. [22](#) And **there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat,** from between the two cherubims which *are* upon the ark of the testimony, of all *things* which I will*

give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

d. So God gave them the law, the testimony to drive them to the mercy seat. That is where He meets with His people

- So we learn that God has shown us His law
- He has driven us to the mercy
- We realize that we were saved for a purpose
- We want to realize that purpose and so give our lives to do the work of God