

Daily Obedience Leads to Great Blessing

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the Lord filled the tabernacle. 36 And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys: 37 But if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not till

the day that it was taken up. 38 **For the cloud of the Lord was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.**

1. God has a plan for everyone **36:1** Then wrought

Bezaleel and Aholiab, and

every **wise hearted man,** in whom **the Lord**
put wisdom and understanding to know

how to **work all manner of**

work for the service of the

sanctuary, according to all that **the Lord had**
commanded.

- a. God wanted the Tabernacle built
- b. His plans were used based on the model He showed Moses
- c. God had given the people all that they would need to build the Tabernacle
 - i. He gave them the gold, silver, wood, skins, etc

- ii. He gave them gifted people
- iii. He gave the gifted people the gifts that they would need
- iv. God even gave His people the desire to give and serve to accomplish His purposes in the building of the Tabernacle **36:2** *And Moses called*

Bezaleel and Aholiab,

and every wise hearted man, in whose heart the Lord had put wisdom, even every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it:

- d. You can understand from this passage of Scripture that God has a work for you to do
- e. You are important in His plan
- f. He has given you time, treasure, and talents to be used for His glory
- g. He has given you a desire to serve Him
- h. The only thing lacking is your decision to stand up and be used of God

- i. Ideas of gifts and abilities you have
 - i. You can care about people and their needs and that can lead you to pray for them
 - ii. You can serve by cooking, cleaning, and doing the many tasks that remain unseen but are so important
 - iii. You can sing in the choir, special music, children's choir, teen choir
 - iv. You can welcome people to the services, be a greeter, usher, be a kind friend to new people
 - v. You can work in the children's ministry and help children see the love of Christ and come to know Jesus
 - vi. You can work in the nursery
 - vii. You can work in the media ministry
 - viii. You can be a giver
 - ix. You can go to the nursing home or visit sick and shut ins
 - x. You can be the person who remembers every birthday
 - xi. You can see needs that I would never think of and meet them

- xii. You could help in the parking lot, park cars, welcome people
- xiii. You could get involved in discipleship and foundations
- xiv. You could get involved in outreach and see what you could do to show new people the love of Christ
- xv. You could be a yokefellow to missionaries out of our church and love them
- xvi. You could help with the decoration of the church
- xvii. You could reach out to our public servants, police, fire, teachers, etc with an act of kindness
- xviii. You could contact people that are absent from services and let them know that you missed them and love them
- xix. You could help with social media to present our love for our community and others
- xx. You could work at encouraging everyone of your brothers and sisters in Christ

2. They were restrained from giving **36:6** **And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor**

woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So the people were **restrained**

from bringing. ⁷ For the stuff they had was **sufficient** for all the work to make it, and **too much.**

- a. The people had given the offering because they wanted to give-it was a free offering, a voluntary offering [36:3](#)

And **they received of**

Moses all the offering,

which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary, to make it *withal*. And they brought yet unto him **free offerings** every morning.

- b. The people gave more than was needed
- c. There was enough, sufficient and too much
- d. What causes people to give like that

i. They know that it is what God wants [36:5](#) **And they spake unto Moses, saying, **The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which the Lord commanded to make.****

ii. They realize that what they have come for God

iii. They realize that God gave it to them for His purposes

iv. God stirs their heart to give

v. They realize that they are part of something bigger than themselves

e. What might hinder our individual giving?

i. We do not see the big picture that God is at work in this world and He works through His church

ii. We do not understand that God wants the world evangelized and that He is using His people in and through His church

- iii. We want to give God what is left over after we spend on ourselves
- iv. We want the credit for our giving
- v. We have not yet understood that our money is not ours but His
- vi. We fail to understand that we are part of His greater plan
- vii. We ignore God's working in our hearts to give

3. Everyone was just being obedient, playing their part
- a. God commanded Moses [38:21](#) *This is the sum of the tabernacle, even of the tabernacle of testimony, as it was counted, **according to the commandment of Moses,** for the service of the Levites, by the hand of **Ithamar,** son to Aaron the priest.*

22 And **Bezaleel** the son of Uri, the son of

Hur, of the tribe of Judah, **made all that the Lord commanded Moses.**

- i. Moses was not arbitrarily telling the people what to do
 - ii. It wasn't about what Moses wanted but rather about what God wanted
- b. Moses commanded the people
- i. Moses told the people what God wanted
 - ii. The people obeyed God through Moses' leadership
 - iii. All were obeying God
- c. It was as the Lord commanded Moses **39:1 And of the blue, and purple, and scarlet, they made cloths of service, to do service in the holy *place*, and made the holy garments for Aaron; as the Lord commanded Moses.**
- i. The phrase or idea of doing as the Lord commanded Moses is used approximately 15 times in the next verses

- ii. It was the work of God
- iii. Moses was following instructions
- iv. Everyone else was also following instructions
- d. All of us are under authority.
 - i. We are to surrender our lives to the will of God
 - ii. We will find His will in the Word of God
 - iii. We should live with a supreme desire to please God
 - iv. You should go to God and ask how He would have you spend your time, your treasure, and your talent
 - v. Acknowledge that He is Lord over you and all that you have
 - vi. Acknowledge that you are not your own but are a person under orders from above
 - vii. Determine to find His will and do it
- e. When is the last time you seriously and literally went to God and asked Him to tell you what to do
- f. When did you last examine your life to see how much was being lived in obedience
- g. Our desire to be in control, run our own lives, get the honor and glory for what we are doing leads us out of a surrendered life to a selfish life

4. Obeying God on a daily basis led to the completion of the work before them [39:32](#) **Thus was all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation finished: and the children of Israel did according to all that the Lord commanded Moses, so did they.**

- a. Accomplishing the will of God is based on daily obedience
- b. It is surrendering your will today
- c. It is not glorious or showy
- d. It is simply doing what God would have you do one day after the next
 - i. There will be very few extremely exciting days in the church services
 - ii. There will be very few days that you feel like you are on cloud nine as you serve God
 - iii. We do not live by our emotions but by our obedience
 - iv. Marriage works the same way, if you think it will be all like Hollywood you will probably be disappointed

- v. Live every day loving Jesus, enjoying Him, honoring Him and as you do His will each day in little things the big stuff will take care of itself
- e. Obeying God in the small stuff takes care of the big stuff
- f. Moses saw the work that the people had done and blessed them **39:43** **And Moses did look upon all the work, and, behold, they had done it as the Lord had commanded, even so had they done it: and Moses blessed them.**

5. God was pleased with their work

- a. Moses declared the work finished **40:33** **And he reared up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the hanging of the court gate. So Moses finished the work.**
- b. God moved into the Tabernacle in His glory **40:34** **Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the**

glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. 35 **And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.**

- i. Remember it was God that wanted to dwell with them
 - ii. It was God who had come to them in His love and mercy
 - iii. As they recognized and obeyed God He blessed them greatly
- c. God guided and directed them by His glory that was present in the Tabernacle 40:36 **And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys: 37 But if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up. 38 **For the cloud of the Lord was upon the tabernacle****

by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

- i. When He wanted them to stay somewhere He left the glory cloud over the Tabernacle
 - ii. When He wanted them to move then He moved the cloud
- d. We should seek God's direction for our ministry. It will be determined not by visible, outward, manifestations but by simple obedience to the written Word of God
- e. God went before them and blessed them.
- f. We can expect God's blessings as we daily live in obedience
- g. Do the small things. Obey where you know to obey. Don't worry about big decisions as much as you do the small ones

