

# Exodus 25:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

## Analysis

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God initiates the tabernacle instructions, emphasizing that worship must be according to divine revelation, not human invention. The Hebrew term for 'offering' (תְּרוּמָה, terumah) means something 'lifted up' or 'heaved,' signifying that worship begins with God's gracious invitation, not human merit. This voluntary giving from willing hearts prefigures Christ's voluntary offering of Himself.

## Historical Context

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Spoken at Mount Sinai after the covenant ratification (Exodus 24), these instructions prepared Israel to have God dwelling among them. The materials would come from Egypt's plunder, transforming symbols of bondage into instruments of worship.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's initiative in worship challenge our assumptions about approaching Him?
2. What 'offerings' from your life could become instruments for God's dwelling presence?

## Interlinear Text

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