

Exodus 25:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Analysis

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

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

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

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

וַיִּבֶר	יְהוָה	אֶל	מֹשֶׁה	לֵאמֹר:
spake	And the LORD	^{H413}	unto Moses	saying
^{H1696}	^{H3068}		^{H4872}	^{H559}

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