

Exodus 25:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering.

Analysis

The offering must be voluntary ('willing heart'), establishing that true worship flows from love, not compulsion. Every material listed—gold, silver, bronze, fine linens, precious stones—carried symbolic significance, with gold representing deity, silver redemption, and bronze judgment. These materials, gained from Egypt through God's judgment, now serve His glory, picturing redemption's transformation.

Historical Context

The Israelites possessed these materials through the plundering of Egypt (Exodus 12:35-36), God's provision that enabled tabernacle construction. This demonstrated that God equips His people for the worship He commands.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. Does your worship flow from obligation or from a heart made willing by grace?
2. How has God transformed 'plunder' from your past into resources for His glory?

Interlinear Text

תְּרוּמָתִי לֵב תְּקַח וְיִשְׁכָא לְבָנָי אֶל דָּבָר
Speak unto the children of Israel that they bring me an offering
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Additional Cross-References

2 Corinthians 9:7 (Parallel theme): Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Ezra 2:68 (Parallel theme): And some of the chief of the fathers, when they came to the house of the LORD which is at Jerusalem, offered freely for the house of God to set it up in his place:

Nehemiah 11:2 (Parallel theme): And the people blessed all the men, that willingly offered themselves to dwell at Jerusalem.

Ezra 7:16 (Sacrifice): And all the silver and gold that thou canst find in all the province of Babylon, with the freewill offering of the people, and of the priests, offering willingly for the house of their God which is in Jerusalem:

Ezra 1:6 (Parallel theme): And all they that were about them strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with beasts, and with precious things, beside all that was willingly offered.

Ezra 3:5 (Sacrifice): And afterward offered the continual burnt offering, both of the new moons, and of all the set feasts of the LORD that were consecrated, and of every one that willingly offered a freewill offering unto the LORD.

Psalms 110:3 (Parallel theme): Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.

Numbers 18:24 (Sacrifice): But the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer as an heave offering unto the LORD, I have given to the Levites to inherit: therefore I have said unto them, Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance.

Judges 5:9 (References Israel): My heart is toward the governors of Israel, that offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless ye the LORD.

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