

Exodus 28:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt speak unto all that are wise hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.

Analysis

Skilled craftsmen 'whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom' create the garments. God provides both the design and the ability to execute it—the pattern comes from Him, the skill comes from Him. These craftsmen possess technical excellence (wisdom in craftsmanship) as divine gift. This teaches that God enables what He commands. He designed redemption through Christ and equipped Christ with everything necessary to accomplish it—divine wisdom woven into human garments.

Historical Context

Bezalel and Oholiab led these craftsmen (Exodus 31:1-6), men Spirit-filled for artistic work. Their calling to create sacred objects was no less spiritual than priestly service—God values the craftsmanship that serves His purposes, whether weaving garments or offering sacrifices.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does God provide both the 'pattern' and the 'skill' for what He calls you to do?
2. What role does human craftsmanship play in displaying God's glory?

Interlinear Text

וְאַתָּה ה	תִּדְבֵּר	אֵל	כָּל	חֲכָמִי	לֵב	אִשְׁרֵי
H859	And thou shalt speak	H413	H3605	unto all that are wise	hearted	H834
	H1696			H2450	H3820	
מִלֵּאתִי יוֹ	ר וְיִחַ	חֲכָמָה	וְעָשׂוּ	אֶת	בְּגָדֵי י	
whom I have filled	with the spirit	of wisdom	that they may make	H853	garments	H899
H4390	H7307	H2451	H6213			
אַהֲרֹן	לְקַדֵּשׁ אוֹ	לְכַהֵנִי	לִי:			
Aaron's	to consecrate	him that he may minister unto me in the priest's office	H0			
H175	H6942	H3547				

Additional Cross-References

Ephesians 1:17 (Spirit): That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

Isaiah 11:2 (Spirit): And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

Deuteronomy 34:9 (Spirit): And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as the LORD commanded Moses.

James 1:17 (Parallel theme): Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Proverbs 2:6 (Parallel theme): For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

Exodus 35:30 (Parallel theme): And Moses said unto the children of Israel, See, the LORD hath called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah;

Exodus 35:25 (Parallel theme): And all the women that were wise hearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, both of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine linen.