

Exodus 31:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the anointing oil, and sweet incense for the holy place: according to all that I have commanded thee shall they do.

Analysis

Bezalel and Oholiab are filled with God's Spirit for artistic work—wisdom, understanding, knowledge, craftsmanship. This demonstrates that the Holy Spirit equips not only for preaching/teaching but for creative, technical skills. All talents serve God's purposes when consecrated to Him. The Spirit who designed creation enables artisans to create beauty for worship. Christ, the wisdom of God, is the ultimate craftsman who builds His church.

Historical Context

These craftsmen led teams of skilled workers who constructed the tabernacle according to Moses' pattern. Their Spirit-filling for technical work demonstrated that God values and empowers all forms of service, not just spiritual leadership.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does the Spirit's equipping for artistic work validate creativity and craftsmanship as ministry?

2. What talents has God given you that can serve His purposes when consecrated to Him?

Interlinear Text

לְקַדְשֵׁנָה	פֶּסֶם	יְמִינָה	לְקַדְשֵׁת	רָתָה	וְאַתָּה	בְּמִשְׁׁחַת	הַ	שֶׁ	מִן	וְאַתָּה	
H853	oil	and sweet	H853	incense	for the holy	H4888					
H8081			H7004		H6944						
אַשְׁר	כִּכְלֵל		אַזְתָּחַת	בְּ							יְמִינָה:
H3605	H834		place according to all that I have commanded	thee shall they do							H6213
			H6680								

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 37:29 (Holy): And he made the holy anointing oil, and the pure incense of sweet spices, according to the work of the apothecary.

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