

Exodus 31:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that is thereupon, and all the furniture of the tabernacle,

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 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

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

לְעֵדָה תְּהִלָּה אֶת בְּאָהָל: מִזְבֵּחַ תְּהִלָּה וְאֶת בָּאָרוֹן בְּאָהָל תְּהִלָּה

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