

Exodus 31:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the table and his furniture, and the pure candlestick with all his furniture, and the altar of incense,

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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

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

וְאֶת בָּשָׂלָקְוּ וְאֶת כָּל יְהָוָה וְאֶת הַמְּנִיחָה וְאֶת הַטְּהָרָה וְאֶת
H853 And the table H853 and his furniture H853 candlestick H2889
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וְאֶת כָּל יְהָוָה וְאֶת מִזְבֵּחַ וְאֶת כְּהָדָרָה
H853 and his furniture H853 and the altar H7004
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