

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

וְאֵת	הַשֻּׁלְחָן	וְאֵת	כָּל יְהוָה	וְאֵת	הַמִּנְכָּה	הַטְּהוֹרָה
H853	And the table	H853	and his furniture	H853	candlestick	and the pure
	H7979		H3627		H4501	H2889
וְאֵת	כָּל	כָּל יְהוָה	וְאֵת	מִזְבֵּחַ	הַקֶּטֶרֶת:	
H853	H3605	and his furniture	H853	and the altar	of incense	
		H3627		H4196	H7004	

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