

Exodus 31:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the altar of burnt offering with all his furniture, and the laver and his foot,

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

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

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	מִזְבֵּחַ	הָעֹלָה	וְאֵת	כָּל	כָּל יוֹ	וְאֵת
H853	And the altar	of burnt offering	H853	H3605	with all his furniture	H853
	H4196	H5930			H3627	
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	and the laver	H853	and his foot			
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