

# 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

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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

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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

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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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

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H4196 H5930 H3627

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and the laver and his foot  
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