

Exodus 35:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing hearted, and brought bracelets, and earrings, and rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold: and every man that offered offered an offering of gold unto the LORD.

Analysis

The response to Moses' call is immediate and wholehearted: 'the children of Israel departed from the presence of Moses'—not in reluctance but in eager obedience. The narrative structure (call in v. 4-21, response in v. 22-29) emphasizes willing response to divine invitation. This departure 'from the presence of Moses' to gather offerings demonstrates that true worship moves from hearing God's word to acting upon it, from assembly to implementation of what was learned.

Historical Context

This moment marks the transition from instruction to action. The people return to their tents to gather what they possess, transforming Egypt's plunder into materials for God's glory. The entire community participates, making tabernacle construction a corporate act of worship.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. What does the people's immediate departure to gather offerings teach about authentic response to God's word?
2. How does Israel's eager response to God's call for offerings contrast with half-hearted or reluctant giving?

Interlinear Text

וְהָבִיאוּ	הָאָנָשִׁים	עַל	הָאָנָשִׁים	וְכָל	נָדְבִיבִים	לֵב
And they came	men	both	and women	as many as	were willing	hearted
H935	H582	H5921	H802	H3605	H5081	H3820
וְהָבִיאוּ	חֲכָמִים	וְנָזָם	וְטָבַעַת	וְכֹתֻמֹּת	וְכָל	
And they came	bracelets	and earrings	and rings	and tablets	as many as	
H935	H2397	H5141	H2885	H3558	H3605	
כָּל יְ	זָהָב	וְכָל	אִישׁ	אֲשֶׁר	הֵנִיף	
all jewels	of gold	as many as	and every man	H834	that offered	
H3627	H2091	H3605	H376		H5130	
תְּנוּפֹת	זָהָב	לַיהוָה:				
offered an offering	of gold	unto the LORD				
H8573	H2091	H3068				

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