

Exodus 35:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And every man, with whom was found blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair, and red skins of rams, and badgers' skins, brought them.

Analysis

The Hebrew intensifies the willing heart theme: 'every one whose heart stirred him up' (כָּל־אִשֶּׁר נִשְׂאוֹ לִבּוֹ, kol-asher nasa'o libbo, literally 'lifted up his heart') and 'whose spirit made him willing' (אִשֶּׁר נָדְבָה רוּחוֹ, asher nadva rucho, 'whose spirit impelled him'). This double emphasis—heart and spirit both moving the person—shows genuine worship springs from internal transformation, not external compulsion. God desires worship flowing from hearts He has touched, not grudging compliance with religious duty.

Historical Context

This voluntary outpouring contrasts dramatically with ancient Near Eastern temple construction, which typically relied on forced labor and taxation. Israel's pattern demonstrates covenant relationship: God's people freely give because they freely love their Redeemer.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How do the phrases 'heart stirred him up' and 'spirit made him willing' describe authentic spiritual motivation?
2. What is the relationship between experiencing God's redemption and responding with generous, willing worship?

Interlinear Text

וְכָל H3605	אֵשׁ H376	אֲשֶׁר H834	נִמְצָא H4672	אֶת H854	תְּכֵלֶת H8504	וְאַרְגָּמָן H713
	And every man		with whom was found		blue	and purple
וְתוֹלַעַת H8438	שָׁנִי H8144	וְשֵׁשׁ H8336	וְעִזִּים H5795	וְעֹרֹת H5785	אֵילִם H352	מַאֲדָּמָם H119
	and scarlet	and fine linen	and goats	skins	of rams	hair and red
וְעֹרֹת H5785	וּבָדָדִים H8476	הָבִיאוּ H935				
skins	and badgers	brought				

Additional Cross-References

1 Chronicles 29:8 (Parallel theme): And they with whom precious stones were found gave them to the treasure of the house of the LORD, by the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite.