

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' (כל-אשר נשאָר לְבָו), kol-asher nasa'o libbo, literally 'lifted up his heart') and 'whose spirit made him willing' (אשר נִזְבָּה רָעוֹ), 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

וְאֶתְגֶּתֶם | תְּכַלְתָּה אֶתְתָּה | נָמָצָא אֶתְרָא | אֶתְשָׁא | וְכָל |
H3605 **And every man** H376 H3605 **with whom was found** H4672 H854 **blue** H8504 H713 **and purple**

מְאַדְמָם יִם | אַיִל מִם | וְעָרָת | וְעָזָם | וְשָׁנָה | וְשָׁנָה | וְתּוֹלָעַת |
H8438 **and scarlet** H8144 H8336 H5795 H5785 H352 H119 **hair and red**

הַבְּיאוֹן | תְּמַפֵּשׂ יִם | וְעָרָת |
skins and badgers brought
H5785 H8476 H935

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.