

Exodus 35:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Every one that did offer an offering of silver and brass brought the LORD'S offering: and every man, with whom was found shittim wood for any work of the service, brought it.

Analysis

Both men and women ('every man and woman') participate equally in bringing offerings, demolishing any notion that tabernacle construction was masculine domain alone. The Hebrew phrase 'willing hearted' (נָדִיב לִב, nadiv lev) applies to all, emphasizing that spiritual devotion transcends gender. This inclusivity reflects the New Testament truth that in Christ there is neither male nor female (Galatians 3:28), and all believers are priests (1 Peter 2:9) participating in building God's spiritual house.

Historical Context

In patriarchal ancient society, this explicit mention of women's full participation was remarkable. Women brought jewelry, spun yarn, and contributed skills and materials—recognized as equal participants in sacred construction.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. What does the equal participation of men and women in tabernacle construction teach about gender in worship and service?
2. How does this inclusive call to bring offerings prefigure the universal priesthood of all believers in the New Covenant?

Interlinear Text

כָּל	מִן	תְּרֽוּמָה	שְׁתִּים	וְנִזְחָם	בְּהִיאוֹן	אָתָּה
H3605	Every one that did offer	H7311	an offering	H8641	of silver	and brass
				H3701	H5178	H935
						H853
an offering	the LORD'S	H3605	אֲשֶׁר	וְכָל	יְהוָה	תְּרֽוּמָה
H8641	H3068		H834		H4672	נִמְצָא אָ
						and every man with whom was found
לְכָל	שְׁטִים	מִלְאָכִת	בְּהִיאוֹן	בְּעֵבֶד	אָתָּה	וְ
H854	wood	H3605	for any work	of the service	brought	
H6086	H7848		H4399	H5656	H935	

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