

Exodus 36:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whom the LORD put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the LORD had commanded.

Analysis

The chapter opens with 'Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab'—moving from calling (ch. 35) to working, from potential to actualization. The phrase 'every wise hearted man, in whom the LORD put wisdom' נָתָן יְהוָה חִכָּה, chakham-lev asher natan YHWH chokhmah) emphasizes divine enablement as the source of competence. The repetition 'to know how to work' underscores that spiritual wisdom produces practical skill—God's Spirit enables both understanding and execution of sacred work.

Historical Context

This verse marks the transition from preparation to construction. The workers had received their calling, the materials had been gathered, and now the actual building begins—demonstrating that God's work requires both divine calling and human obedience in executing it.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does the transition from being called to actually working illustrate the relationship between divine gifting and human responsibility?
2. What does it mean that God 'put wisdom' in the workers for practical construction skills?

Interlinear Text

לְבָבָם כָּכָם אִישׁ וְכָל אַנְשֵׁי־בְּצֹלָא לְלַעַשׂ תְּ
Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab man and every wise hearted
H6213 H1212 H171 H3605 H376 H2450 H3820

וְתִבְונָה וְכָנָמָה הַיְהוָה נָתָת־אֲשֶׁר
H834 put according to all that the LORD wisdom and understanding
H5414 H3068 H2451 H8394

עֲבָדְתָּךְ תְּמַלֵּא אַתָּה כָּל־עַת בָּהּ פָּה
in whom to know Then wrought all manner of work for the service
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וְצִוָּה הַיְהוָה אֲשֶׁר לְכָל־פְּקָדֶשׁ
of the sanctuary H3605 H834 had commanded according to all that the LORD
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Additional Cross-References

Exodus 28:3 (Parallel theme): And thou shalt speak unto all that are wise hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.

Exodus 25:8 (Temple): And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.

Matthew 28:20 (Parallel theme): Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Luke 1:6 (References Lord): And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

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