

# Exodus 39:42

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

According to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so the children of Israel made all the work.

## Analysis

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'According to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so the children of Israel made all the work'—this summary emphasizes radical obedience. The repetition (matching 39:32, 43; 40:16) underscores that acceptable worship requires divine prescription followed exactly. After the golden calf apostasy (ch 32), where Israel did 'according to' their desires, this renewed obedience vindicates God's grace restoring covenant relationship. The plural 'children of Israel' teaches corporate responsibility—all participated in obedience, not just leaders. This prefigures the church's collective submission to Christ.

## Historical Context

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This verse concludes the inventory presented to Moses for inspection. The comprehensive obedience, involving hundreds of workers over months, demonstrated a remarkable transformation from the golden calf rebellion to faithful service—evidence of genuine repentance and covenant renewal.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does Israel's complete obedience after the golden calf apostasy demonstrate the transforming power of grace?
2. What does corporate obedience ('children of Israel,' plural) teach about the church's collective responsibility?

## Interlinear Text

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כָּל	אֲשֶׁר	צִוָּה	יְהוָה	אֶת	מֹשֶׁה	יְנִי
H3605	H834	commanded	According to all that the LORD	H853	Moses	H3651
		H6680	H3068		H4872	
עָשׂוּ	בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל	לְעֹבְדָתוֹ	כָּל	אֵת	עֲמַל	הָעֲבֹדָה
made	so the children	of Israel	H853	H3605	all the work	
H6213	H1121	H3478			H5656	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 35:10** (References Lord): And every wise hearted among you shall come, and make all that the LORD hath commanded;