

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

'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

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

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

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

לְכֹל	אֲשֶׁר	כִּי	הָצִיָּה	יְהִי	הַ	אַתָּה	מֹשֶׁה	כִּי
H3605	H834		commanded	According to all that the LORD		H853	Moses	H3651
			H6680		H3068			H4872
עָשָׂה	בָּנִים	לְ	יִשְׂרָאֵל	כָּל	אֲתָּה	הַעֲבָרָה:		
made	so the children		of Israel	H853	H3605	all the work		
H6213	H1121		H3478			H5656		

Additional Cross-References

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

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