

Exodus 39:43

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Moses did look upon all the work, and, behold, they had done it as the LORD had commanded, even so had they done it: and Moses blessed them.

Analysis

Moses' inspection ('did look upon all the work, and, behold') and verification ('they had done it as the LORD had commanded') led to blessing. The Hebrew וַיָּבֹרֶךְ (vay'varekh, and he blessed them) recalls creation—God blessed completed work (Genesis 1:22, 28; 2:3). The threefold emphasis (made, commanded, done) teaches that obedience brings blessing. Moses, as mediator, pronounced blessing on faithful servants—prefiguring Christ blessing those who do the Father's will (Matthew 25:21, 23). This blessing inaugurates chapter 40's tabernacle dedication.

Historical Context

Moses' blessing demonstrated leadership's priestly function—faithful leaders bless obedient servants. This blessing echoed earlier pronouncements (Leviticus 9:22-23; Numbers 6:23-27) and anticipated the high priestly blessings Aaron would pronounce. Moses' verification ensured that blessing rested on genuine obedience, not presumed service.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does Moses blessing obedient workers teach that faithful service receives divine approval?
2. What does the connection between obedience and blessing reveal about rewards for faithful stewardship?

Interlinear Text

וְרָא	מֹשֶׁה	אֶת	כָּל	הַמֶּלֶךְ	וְהִנֵּה	עֲשֵׂה
did look	And Moses	H853	H3605	the work	H2009	and behold they had done
H7200	H4872			H4399		H6213
וְרָא	מֹשֶׁה	אֶת	כָּל	אֲשֶׁר	כִּי	עֲשֵׂה
H853	H834			had commanded	it as the LORD	upon all
			H6680	H3068	H3651	
וְרָא	מֹשֶׁה	אֶת	מַלְכֵי	כָּל	מֹשֶׁה	עֲשֵׂה
and behold they had done	blessed	H853		And Moses		
H6213	H1288			H4872		

Additional Cross-References

1 Kings 8:14 (Blessing): And the king turned his face about, and blessed all the congregation of Israel: (and all the congregation of Israel stood;) 1 Kings 8:14

2 Chronicles 30:27 (Blessing): Then the priests the Levites arose and blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came up to his holy dwelling place, even unto heaven.

2 Samuel 6:18 (Blessing): And as soon as David had made an end of offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts.

Psalms 104:31 (References Lord): The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever: the LORD shall rejoice in his works.

Genesis 14:19 (Blessing): And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:

Genesis 1:31 (Parallel theme): And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Joshua 22:6 (Blessing): So Joshua blessed them, and sent them away: and they went unto their tents.

2 Chronicles 6:3 (Blessing): And the king turned his face, and blessed the whole congregation of Israel: and all the congregation of Israel stood.

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