

# Numbers 8:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Aaron did so; he lighted the lamps thereof over against the candlestick, as the LORD commanded Moses.

## Analysis

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Aaron's obedience—"as the LORD commanded Moses"—demonstrates faithful adherence to divine instruction in worship. He didn't improve on, modify, or neglect God's command but obeyed precisely. This faithful transmission from God to Moses to Aaron to action illustrates the chain of revealed religion. The Reformed regulative principle of worship is exemplified—we worship as God commands, not as we prefer. Obedience to divine instruction honors God; presumptuous innovation dishonors Him.

## Historical Context

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Aaron's obedience stood in contrast to his sons Nadab and Abihu, who offered unauthorized fire and died. This sober reminder made precise obedience essential. The lighting of the lamps according to pattern protected both the priests and the people, ensuring that worship proceeded according to divine will.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

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

## Study Questions

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1. What does Aaron's precise obedience teach about worship leadership and responsibility?
2. How does the command-obedience pattern inform our approach to biblical worship?
3. In what ways do we face temptation to improve on or modify God's revealed will?

## Interlinear Text

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בְּמִנְחָה הִנֵּה יְפָנֵן וְיִעַשׂ  
the candlestick over against the ark did he set up  
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מֹשֶׁה אָתָה יְהִי הַצְׁדָקָה כִּי יְרַתָּךְ רְאֵשׁ כִּי  
Moses commanded as the LORD so he lighted the lamps  
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