

# 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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וַיַּעַשׂ	כֵּן	וְאַהֲרֹן	אֶל	מִזֶּל	פְּנֵי י	הַמְנוּכָה
did	H3651	And Aaron	H413	thereof over against	H6440	the candlestick
H6213		H175		H4136		H4501
הַקֵּל ה	נֵרֹת יְה	כְּאִשׁ ר	צִוָּה	יְהוָה	אֶת	מֹשֶׁה:
so he lighted	the lamps	H834	commanded	as the LORD	H853	Moses
H5927	H5216		H6680	H3068		H4872

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