

Numbers 8:4

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And this work of the candlestick was of beaten gold, unto the shaft thereof, unto the flowers thereof, was beaten work: according unto the pattern which the LORD had shewed Moses, so he made the candlestick.

Analysis

The detailed description of the lampstand's craftsmanship—pure gold, hammered work, exact replication of the pattern shown to Moses—emphasizes that worship must follow divine revelation. The lampstand wasn't designed by human artistry but according to heavenly pattern. This teaches that true worship conforms to what God has shown us in His word, not what seems beautiful or meaningful to us. The Reformed doctrine of sola scriptura applies to worship—Scripture alone determines how we worship.

Historical Context

The pattern shown to Moses on Mount Sinai revealed heavenly realities. Hebrews later explains that the earthly tabernacle was a copy and shadow of heavenly things. The careful adherence to pattern meant that Israel's worship corresponded to eternal realities, not merely human religious impulses.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1. How does the heavenly pattern inform our understanding of worship's significance?
2. What dangers arise when worship is designed according to human preference rather than divine revelation?
3. In what ways does New Testament worship fulfill the patterns revealed in the Old Testament?

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so he made	of the candlestick				

Exodus 25:18 (Parallel theme): And thou shalt make two cherubims of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat.

Exodus 25:9 (Parallel theme): According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.

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