

Part 9 - The Call for a Free Will Offering – a Willing Heart

[The Corner Stone of the Tabernacle]

Exodus 35

*30 And Moses said unto the children of Israel, See, **the LORD hath called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah;***

31 And he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship;

32 And to devise curious works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass,

33 And in the cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of wood, to make any manner of cunning work.

34 And he hath put in his heart that he may teach, both he, and Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan.

*35 **Them hath he filled with wisdom of heart,** to work all manner of work, of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, even of them that do any work, and of those that devise cunning work.*

After all the materials were gathered, Moses then publicly announced that **the LORD hath called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah;** And he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship. This is why...

21 Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,

22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

Luke 3:21-22

Like Moses did with the leaders God chose to head the building of the first Tabernacle (as a witness to all), likewise did God Himself publicly announce to the people that His Son, Jesus Christ, was called to head the building of the Tabernacle. This is why He is called the ‘corner stone’ of the building (the Temple/Tabernacle of God) ...

*16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, **I lay in Zion for a foundation, a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation:** he that believeth shall not make haste.*

17 Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.

Isa 28:16-17

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

*20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;***

21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Eph 2:19-22

2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

*4 To whom coming, **as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,***

*5 Ye also, as lively stones, are **built up a spiritual house**, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.*

*6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, **I lay in Sion a chief corner stone,** elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. [Isa 28:16-17]*

7 Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

1 Peter 2:2-12

Those who are rebellious and stubborn hearted (1 Sam 15:23) reject Jesus Christ as being their leader. They don't want Him to head the government of their 'world order'. This is why *whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God* (James 4:4). If we don't accept Jesus Christ (and the price He paid for us) as our Savior and King, then we reject Him from governing over us. Those who don't mortify (kill) the 'old man' (the carnal, flesh thinking mind) do not want a righteous leader, which Jesus Christ is. They only want someone who will give them what they desire (to fulfil their lusts) so they can continue to sin yet still get blessings and security. However, life does not work like this. Those who reject Jesus Christ also reject God Himself (John 14:6) and therefore, they cut their own throats for, as Rom 6:23 declares: *the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord*. We have to either submit to the government of God (headed by His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ) or we will (at the end of the Millennium) be put to death spiritually, which means we will cease to exist in any form (Rev 20). What God is in the process of doing, is building His eternal government,

which is what the Tabernacle represents. That's why these chapters are so vital to understand. Although they may seem on the surface to be boring and outdated, the truth is they are an example to us (1 Cor 10:11) as to *what is happening right now **spiritually***. God is calling out people to be in His eternal government – will you accept this call? Or will you be a mere lowly citizen who just barely made it in by works during the Millennium (Rev 20)? The choice is up to you. But do not forget the amazing type of this great book of Exodus, which is showing us how to come out of spiritual bondage. Once we come out of spiritual bondage (to Satan's lies) then we become a part of God's righteous Government (the Body of Christ). And thus, we are entitled to the protection and many other blessings that come from being a citizen in the Kingdom of God. Further, those who serve in His government are given spiritual gifts (such as power, wisdom, discernment and so forth) but it is only to help to further advance His Kingdom – to draw His children back to Him – to help restore the faith and love in our Heavenly Father which they once had, before Satan deceived them into rebelling against God in the first earth age [Once Was a High Priest - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/423>].

So, the ability to build the Tabernacle (the Body of Christ) came from God Himself but the people had to do the work. However, they were guided by a man who God had *filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship*. This is why Bezaleel's name means (the) *shadow* (i.e. *protection*) of God (#1212) and Aholiab's name means *tent of (his) father*. Further, Aholiab's father's name even means *brother of support* (#294) and the tribe they are from (Dan) means a *judge* (#1835). From their names to their skills, these men are a type for us (1 Cor 10:11) to learn from how the building of the true Tabernacle (the spiritual Tabernacle, which is the Body of Christ) is led. *For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding* (Prov 2:6). Again, the people had to do the work but God equipped them with the leaders and the wisdom to build Him a Tabernacle. It's the same way with the spiritual Tabernacle (Body of Christ) Jesus Christ is building today. That's why it's so important for you to study God's Word (2 Tim 2:15) and learn of Him (Mth 11:29) to find your gift(s) from God so you can do your part in working to build the spiritual Tabernacle, the body of Christ. This is also why we must depart from iniquity (2 Tim 2:19), so we are spiritually able to 'do the work' needed to help Jesus Christ build the Body of Christ. Remember why God asked Israel to build Him a Tabernacle? After He freed them from bondage to Egypt, He said: *let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them* (Ex 25:8). Today He asks we make Him a spiritual Tabernacle (our soul, 1 Cor 3:16) to He can dwell within us and help us build the final Tabernacle, which is the Body of Christ – the government of Jesus Christ...

*6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and **the government shall be upon his shoulder**: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

*7 **Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end**, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.*

Isa 9:6-7

Our Heavenly Father can accomplish a lot with just a few people. So, while you might feel outnumbered by those who don't accept Jesus Christ, that doesn't matter. After Jesus Christ has freed you from spiritual bondage (your sins, Rom 6), it is your duty to find your God given gift(s) and use them to help advance His Kingdom...

14 For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

16 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.

17 And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.

18 But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.

20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

22 He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.

23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:

25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:

27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.

29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matt 25:14-30

Find your gift(s) and use them the best you can. That's what true spiritual tithing to God is all about. That's what pleases your Heavenly Father so very much. Every part of the Body of Christ is important. Therefore does Paul urge us...

14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

*16 From **whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth**, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.*

Eph 4:14-16

Through having the Word of God in our heart and mind, and by the direction of the Holy Spirit, the entire Body of Christ is organized (fitly joined) together perfectly. Paul likens it to how beautifully our flesh body is put together and is able to thus work. *the effectual working in the measure of every part* is in regards to how the Holy Spirit directs each individual member of the Body of Christ to serve Him in whatever capacity He has called us to. And the point of the eternal government of God (directed by Jesus Christ) is so we can serve the people. The point is to help God's children, not as *being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock* (1 Peter 5:3)...

1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

5 For every man shall bear his own burden.

6 Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.

7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Gal 6:1-10

So, let us not tire at doing good works or giving our Heavenly Father true spiritual tithes. Find your gift(s) and use it the best you possibly can. Not for self-glory or self-enrichment but with sincere love for others. Never forget what life was like for you before you came to the knowledge of Jesus Christ. Have compassion on others and learn to discern when they truly need help or if you simply need to leave them alone to wallow in their own vomit for a while (Prov 26:11, 2 Pt 2:22) until they are ready to accept the governance of Jesus Christ in their life.

Also, something interesting to note about this chapter is how this 35th chapter has 35 verses in it. This is relevant because, in Biblical numerics [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/960>], thirty-five means: **hope**. We indeed have hope for eternal life through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and that is what gives us the strength and perseverance to continue to help build God a Tabernacle...

1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:
2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.
3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that **tribulation worketh patience;**
4 And **patience, experience; and experience, hope:**
5 And **hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.**
6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.
7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.
8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, **we shall be saved from wrath through him.**
Rom 5:1-9

24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?
25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.
Rom 8:24-25

Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;
Rom 12:12

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.
Rom 15:13

4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;
5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.
7 **But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.**
Eph 4:4-7

13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;
14 **Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.**
Titus 2:13-14

AMEN.