

Exodus (9) Construction of the Tabernacle

2017/11/10 Bible Study

- I. **Scripture:** Exodus 25:1-7; 35:4-9, 20-35; 36:1-7; 38:8, 24-31; 1Corinthians 9:7
- II. God commanded Moses to build for him a tabernacle. Where do the building materials come from? God asked Moses to tell the Israelites anyone who has a willing heart can bring gifts to offer to God. Moreover, it is not according to your own likes to offer, but according to the specified needs of the tabernacle. Where do the builders of the tabernacle come from? God named Bezalel to be the chief builder, called Aholiab to work with him, and also called those with wisdom to come to do God's work. Subsequently, we see when all whose hearts were stirred offered up gifts and strength, all the materials offered up not only was enough, but "more than enough".

Through this, God wants us to know that the building of the church shares the same principle. Church is the house of God, only God's children can offer up gifts to God, and every child of God ought to take part in the building of the house of God. May the love of God compel us, let our heart not only be stirred, but that there will be real action of giving. According to the need of God's house and the command of God, offer up with a willing heart our time, money, strength, and talent.... As long as we are willing to offer to the Lord to the best of our ability, not only will the dwelling place of God be built up, but the house of God will have more than enough; our offering will be remembered by God, and our experience of God-given blessings will flow both upstream and downstream!

III. Thoughts and sharing--

(Construction of the tabernacle) and (The building up of the house of God)

1. Why did God command the Israelites to bring gifts to Him? When the people offered up the best they could, what result did that bring about? Why did the Bible record in detail the work the Israelites did, that is the gifts they offered up -- the quantities of gold, silver, and bronze and its use?
2. What are the characteristics of the offering that pleases God (2Corinthians 9:7)? Based on God's command to offer, what benefits does that bring to God's house and God's children? What have you learned or gained from this?