

Exodus (10)

Build the Tabernacle

—According to the Pattern on the Mount

2017/11/17 Bible Study

I. Scripture: Exodus 25:1-9、40、26:30、27:8；Hebrews 8:5

II. God called Moses to mount Sinai to show him the blueprint for building the tabernacle. The tabernacle is to be built according to God's instructions, with commands for every detail (Exodus 24:18—31:11) including measurements, quality materials, color, exterior look, function and even where the items are to be placed.... Through these things, God desires to tell us what is a real dwelling place to Him. Therefore, He repeatedly warned Moses, when making all the furnishings of the tabernacle, he must do it according to the pattern shown to him on the mount, must be very cautious, void of sloppiness, for every article has its type.

Therefore, Moses commanded Bezalel, Aholiab and others to work together to build the tabernacle. Exodus chapters 36 to 40 record the process of the construction. Although every craftsman was skilled, nevertheless, they did not build according to their own thoughts or preferences. God gave them wisdom to do all that God commanded. Therefore, the Bible once again recorded: Bezalel and the Israelites did "what God commanded Moses" (Exodus 39:1, 5, 7, 21, 26, 29, 31, 32, 42-43). As Moses raised up the tabernacle, it was completely according to what God commanded. (Exodus 40:16, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 32)

"Church" does not refer to a building, but to a group of saints that are called and sanctified in Christ Jesus. When we offer up according to the need of the church, the church is built up, and we too will be built up through serving. Just as the building up of the tabernacle is to be based on the pattern on the mount, the building up of the church will likewise to be according to God's will, not man's opinions or ways. When God reveals to the leaders of a church a blueprint for building up the church, and when the leaders share what was received from God, then to all who hear those words and resonate, God will grant wisdom so that they will know how to build according to God's desire. God leads us out of Egypt, in order that we can serve Him. Such grace it is that we can be built up, and that we can have a part in it! We ask God to grant us a heart of reverence, to obey the leading of the church, and to serve Him according to the pattern on the mount.

III. Thoughts and sharing :

1. Why is it necessary to learn how to serve in church? Moses was the one who executed what "God commanded him to do", however, others did "what God commanded Moses to instruct them to do". How does this principle apply to services in church?
2. For those who are serving, please share: How did you start serving? Have you received training or teaching? Is there anything different between your current service and the service you initially had? Is there anything in your services that needs to be improved or adjusted?