

Hello! This is Dorothy -

Have you ever thought about the tabernacle and how the work of the building, making everything ready, really was accomplished? God never asks for something to be done without having a mighty provision of how it will be done, who He is going to use, and how He is going to bring it together. Some of us get out there and we feel, "Well, I have to do this for God," and we get ourselves in such a mess. We waste our years and we bring confusion in the Name of Jesus. We don't understand that He has a plan. It is for us to tune in in availability to Him to see that plan outworked. Out of the little things of the day, so often we miss this is part of His great plan, because we are so busy rushing to accomplish what we think has to be done.

In **Exodus 31**, we read -

1 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

2 See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:

3 And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge . . .

4 To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass,

5 And in cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber,

to work in all manner of workmanship.

6 And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are wise hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee.

Bezaleel, in Scripture, speaks of the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer. Under the supervision and oversight of Bezaleel, the work was allocated. *Bezaleel means in the shadow of God.* Note the ability to perform the allocated tasks came from the Lord. Some of us try to work at it to be accepted. We think we are so clever. If we only would see that man came so dependent upon the mother to take care of him. There is no way that we can come with all these accomplishments. It is as if we are ever learning and never quite performing, but when we are available as a vessel to the wisdom of God and to the ability of God and to the very work of the Spirit, it is amazing what God will do through an available heart.

Are you working for God or are you willing to say, *Lord, right where I am today, I humbly submit my life to be totally dependent upon You to work through me.* Oh, I pray so! I pray you might understand that as Bezaleel was given of God to do all these things and, when the tabernacle was raised, glory was given to God. Nobody, obviously, had a great meeting and a dedication to Bezaleel's temple, or Bezaleel's tabernacle, or Bezaleel's accomplishments, or a certificate put on the

wall to say all that he had done! It was all about the Lord God.

If I have an uncrucified self-life, I want to put myself in the middle of everything. I want it to be known that I do the organizing, or I want it to be known that I do this for the Lord: I speak or I don't speak, or sing or I don't sing. If all the things are about me-me-me, then I am missing the fact that if a work is going to last for eternity, it is going to be by the enabling power of the work of the Holy Spirit, as Christ is made real in and through us. Anything less is not of the Lord; it is not to His glory! We might come to the end of a lifetime and it goes up as wood, hay and stubble, because it has been me trying to pull my bits of works and efforts together and it has not been of Him.

In **Exodus 31**, we continue -

7 The tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the Testimony. . . - the covenant - . . . and the mercy seat. . . and all the furniture of the tabernacle,

8 And the table and his furniture, and the pure candlestick . . . and the altar of incense,

9 And the altar of burnt offering with all his furniture, and the laver and his foot . . . -where they could also wash the feet -

10 And the . . . holy garments. . .

11 And the anointing oil, and sweet incense for the holy place . .

. Oh, all so much! So much! So much!

Bezaleel had an individual calling to do what God wanted. Bezaleel was individually equipped for the task. Bezaleel was individually placed with those people that God has chosen for this task to be fulfilled, that together they might do what God wanted with individual perfection through His enabling. This is what the Church of Jesus Christ is about; this is what the local church is about; this is what the Christian organization is about. It all has to do with what God has declared to be done. He will work out all the details. It has nothing to do with the budget and what we can now do. It has to do with the fact that through the life of the believer, there are to be lives reproduced, to be saved by Him. When we get this in the right order, we turn to Him for the wisdom, and we turn to Him for the enabling, and we turn to Him to have those around us who will accomplish that part that He had in the total picture, God will get the unity and the glory manifest in such a way that people will know Jesus is Lord of lords, King of kings and we give Him all the glory.

In His precious Name. Amen.