



The End of the Beginning

Exodus 35:1–40:38

#20 in a series on Exodus

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Four Principles for Living and Working with God:

God gifts His people for serving Him.

1. The people of Israel building the Tabernacle. (35:30–36:2; see also 31:1-6)
2. The people of the church.
(Romans 12:1-8; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31; see also Ephesians 1:19; 3:7, 20-21; 4:7-16; Philippians 2:13; Colossians 1:29; 1 Peter 4:10-11)

God's people are to obey Him completely.

1. To obey His commands.
(35-40; 24:3, 7; Leviticus 19:37; Deuteronomy 8:1; 11:1; John 14:15; 2 Corinthians 2:9)
2. To do His work His way.
(compare chapters 25-31 with 35-40; 39:32, 42-43; 35:1-3; cf. 25:8-9, 40; 26:30; 31:32, 42-43; see also 1 Corinthians 14:40; 2 Corinthians 9:6-12; Ephesians 6:10-20)

God's people are to bless others and their faithful work.

1. Moses' example. (39:43)
2. Our practice.
(Romans 16:10-15, 23; Philippians 1:15-18; 2 Thessalonians 1:3-4; 3 John 12)

God demonstrates His approval with His presence and direction.

1. To Moses and all Israel. (40:34-38; see also 25:8-9)
2. To us. (see Psalm 90:17; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. The first principle we looked at yesterday was that God gifts His people for serving Him. Read what Moses says about Bezalel and Oholiab in 35:20–36:1. God gives every believer, including you, abilities for serving Him. Thank Him. Listen to Him. Rely on Him. Serve Him.

Tuesday. Principle number two we looked at was to obey God completely. God gave detailed directions for building the Tabernacle, and His overall call was to love Him and keep all His commandments. Obeying God includes doing His work His way. Obey God in all things today, doing them His way.

Wednesday. When all the work on the Tabernacle was done Moses examined the work and blessed the workers for their faithful work (39:4). Do you look for and bless people for their faithfulness in serving God? Bless someone today for his or her faithful service to God.

Thursday. When the Tabernacle was finished, God demonstrated His approval with His presence and direction. Read 40:34-38. God directs and approves of our faithful service. Thank Him.

Friday/Saturday. We plan to begin a new series on the book of James on Sunday. Begin familiarizing yourself with, or becoming reacquainted with the book.