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## A Glorious Calling

Dear Family,

The Torah Portions we are studying this week are found in **Exodus 35:1-40:38**, and are the last two sections of the book of Exodus. Shemot, or Exodus, began with God's deliverance of His people and ends with the construction of His Tabernacle and the glory of His manifested presence.

The dimensions, material and craftsmanship of the *Mishkah*, the Tabernacle that God commanded the Children of Israel to construct in the wilderness is a marvel to consider. Over a ton of gold was used in its construction, not to mention silver, copper, precious stones, wood, leather and fabric. At today's market values, the materials used would be worth millions of dollars, and it was all for a **temporary** dwelling place, but, remember, it served as a habitation for the Creator of the Universe; **that He might dwell in the midst of His covenant people.**

It is amazing to consider that every specific detail that was required for this earthly building, made of natural materials, was to be transformed to the supernatural purposes of God to manifest His glorious presence to the ones He had redeemed and called to Himself. It is even more amazing to recognize that this entire structure, built with anointed human hands, represents a **future, and permanent, dwelling place perfected by the blood of the Messiah Yeshua whose builder and maker is God.**

*Exodus 35:4 And Moses spake unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which the LORD commanded, saying,*

*Exodus 35:5 Take ye from among you an offering unto the LORD: **whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the LORD;** gold, and silver, and brass,*

*Exodus 35:21 And they came, **every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing,** and they brought the LORD'S offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service, and for the holy garments.*

*Exodus 35:22 **And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing hearted,** and brought bracelets, and earrings, and rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold: and every man that offered offered an offering of gold unto the LORD.*

**What is a willing heart?** The ones who brought an offering to the Lord for the building of the Tabernacle had a willing heart, and their willing heart is the thing that stirred them up to offer of their substance. Now, it's obvious, in this context that the things they offered were natural things, and for the most part, valuable things, but the fact is, the greatest thing we can understand about this is not that they were good givers when the offering bucket was passed. **Something had to happen in them prior to the offering of their gifts.** Something was going on inside of them, for

the Scripture says that **the offering that pleased God came from those with a willing heart, and that willing heart stirred them up to give, because their spirits had made them willing.** As important as it was for them to be obedient in bringing their offering, it was **much more important for them to be motivated by their hearts.** The Apostle Paul speaks of that type of willingness in referring to the offering of the churches of Macedonia.

*2 Corinthians 8:5 And this they did, not as we hoped, but **first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.***

**The first, and most important thing we can offer to God is ourselves.** That may sound simple, but in reality, it is **the key to our relationship** becoming what God has designed it to be. We stagger at the value of the Tabernacle, but God's most precious creation is not silver, gold nor precious stones. **No, He has made us for Himself, and for His pleasure we are, and were created** (Rev 4:11).

*Psalms 139:14 I will praise Thee; for **I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works;** and that my soul knoweth right well.*

*Psalms 139:15 My substance was not hid from Thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.*

*Psalms 139:16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in Thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.*

*Psalms 139:17 How precious also are Thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!*

**God has created us as His very own.** He values us so much that while we were lost and away from Him, He loved us and sent His only begotten Son to find us, die for us, redeem us, and restore our fellowship with Him. With that in mind, we should line our thinking up with His Word to agree with the fact that **we are valuable and precious in His sight.**

It has always been God's desire to dwell in the midst of His people. The Mishkan, or Tabernacle was the solution of a loving God to be with His people, even while they were lost in their sin and iniquity. He showed them the power of the blood to make atonement, a temporary covering for their sins, so that they might yearly approach unto Him with the blood of bulls and goats. As we receive revelation of His Instruction, we recognize that He was preparing us for the time that we would be redeemed with the blood of Yeshua, made into a dwelling place for YHWH.

*1 Peter 2:5 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.*

We can see that everything that was involved in the building and consecration of the earthly Tabernacle and its priesthood was but a shadow of things to come. **The true dwelling place of**

**God, His Tabernacle, revealed by scripture, is His people,** born again by the blood of His Son, sanctified and consecrated by the Word of God and filled with the Spirit of God, a New Creation. How do we bring our portion into His dwelling place? It is not through religion or ritual, but through presenting our bodies unto Him as the Temple of God from the heart, for “**Every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing**” brought their offering for the dwelling place of God. It is obvious that there is something deep and wonderful in store for those with **a heart that stirs them to readiness and a spirit that makes them willing to be used for the supernatural service of God.**

**Do you have a willing heart?** What can you do if you don't? The Word of God gives instruction for conditioning our hearts and making them ready and willing.

*Proverbs 4:20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.*

*Proverbs 4:21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.*

*Proverbs 4:22 For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.*

*Proverbs 4:23 Keep(guard, protect) thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.*

*Psalms 40:8 I delight to do Thy will, O my God: yea, Thy law is within my heart.*

It's all about keeping yourself in the Word of God that will determine whether your heart is willing. A willing heart will always move us to give all that we are to YHWH, completely, as an **elevation offering.**

*Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present **your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God,** which is your reasonable service.*

*Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but **be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.***

**A willing heart is the result of right choices that come from faithful obedience to the Teaching and Instruction of God.** The manifested presence of God is being made known in this world through those who have offered themselves from the heart and, by the demonstration of the Holy Spirit, to show His good, and acceptable and perfect will. I encourage you to choose today to have a willing heart, take decisive steps to guard your heart by surrounding yourself with His Word, speaking it with your mouth until it becomes who you are, every part of you becomes willing and obedient to Him, and His glory fills you, the true Temple of God.

*Exodus 39:32 Thus was all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation finished: and the children of Israel did **according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did they.***

*Exodus 40:34 Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and **the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.***

That was surely an amazing thing to see, but an even more amazing thing to consider is that same awesome glory of God that was seen in the wilderness was resident in Yeshua as He walked among us, and the plan of God to dwell in the midst of His people was realized in a much greater, and infinitely more accessible way than for any of those who could only gaze from a distance and from outside the veil. Yeshua went about in the midst of mankind doing good and healing all who were oppressed of the devil, for God was with Him (Acts 10:38). There are those who read of this greater manifestation of the glory of God, and believe that what Yeshua fulfilled in His earthly walk, finishes the work that God had ordained by saving those who trust Him, but there is yet a **greater miraculous manifestation for those who believe for He said that works of glory would be done by us, in His name. We were never told to follow after signs, but that signs would follow those who believe.** We have the sure Word of God telling us that the signs, or glorious workings, are still to be in manifestation. Let's develop our trust in Him to expect the Spirit of God to move in us at all times wherever we may be.

*Mark 16:17 **And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;***

*Mark 16:18 **They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.***

*John 14:12 **Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father.***

Don't allow yourself to be lulled into spiritual sluggishness to the things that God has promised to those who love Him. Don't believe the lies of the enemy which state that all this supernatural stuff ended when the Apostles died. We must cast down imaginations which originate in the doctrines of devils and man-made religion, and take hold of the uncompromising Word of God without delay. Great manifestations of the Spirit of God have been seen in the past, and greater manifestations are coming to those who dare to believe and say it with their mouths. The Lord is building up His dwelling place, and **we are that Tabernacle.** I believe when we let Him **finish the work, just as when the earthly Tabernacle was completed,** there will be **an immediate and magnificent manifestation of His glory** that the world, to this point, has never seen. Let Him take you and fashion you for the work He has called you to. He wants to adjust every area in your life. Submit to His master plan, as He finishes the work in you, anoints you for service and places you exactly where you belong. He is sanctifying and cleansing us with the washing of water by the Word that He might present us to **Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that we should be holy and without blemish.** (See Ephesians 5:26, 27)

**Join us to learn the Authority of the Believer each Thursday evening at 6:30pm in Granby.**

**The Passover Seder at LWCF will be held on Monday, April 10 at 5:30pm. Be sure to plan for God's Appointed times.**

Pressing into the Glory,  
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