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“God’s Pattern for Meaningful Worship: Sacrifice”

Exodus 37:25-40:38 (cf chapters 26-27)

- A. Worship takes place in an attitude of Prayer** *“He made the altar of incense...”* (37:25; 30:1-10) Ps. 141:2; Luke 1:10; Rev. 5:8; 8:3-4
- B. Worship is possible only through Sacrifice** *“Bezalel constructed the altar of burnt offering...”* (38:1; 27:1-8) The priests could not approach the Holy of Holies without first sacrificing. The Lord’s Supper reminds us of the sacrifice (“once for all” – Heb. 10:10) of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Heb. 13:10-15)
- C. Worship involves Cleansing** *“He made the bronze basin and its stand from the mirrors of the women who served at the entrance to the tent of meeting.”* (38:9; 30:18) At the very front of the tabernacle was a basin for washing. (I John 1:9-10)
- D. Worship Is Available Only on God’s Terms** *“The screen for the gate of the courtyard”* (38:18; 27:16)
- E. Worship requires offering the best we have** *“All the gold of the presentation offering that was used for the project, in all the work on the sanctuary, was 2193 pounds...”* (about \$55 million) (38:24)
- F. Worship results in Service to the Lord** (Ex. 39:1-43)
- 1) God as Worthy *“made the ephod of gold, of blue, purple and scarlet yarn, and the fine linen”* (2)
 - 2) God as Holy *“They also made a medallion, the holy diadem out of pure gold, and wrote on it an inscription like the engraving of a seal: HOLY TO THE LORD.”* (30)
 - 3) Completing the Task (40:1-38)
 - a. Getting Instructions (1-8) Gate (Jesus), Altar of Sacrifice (Cross), Bronze Laver (Cleansing), Lampstand (Perception), Altar of Incense (Prayer/Praise), Table of Shewbread (Provision), Ark of the Covenant and Mercy Seat (God’s Presence).
 - b. Anointing for Service *“anoint the tabernacle”* (9)

- c. Commissioning the Priests ***“Clothe Aaron with the holy garments, anoint him and consecrate him...”*** (13)
- d. Acting in Obedience ***“Moses did everything just as the Lord had commanded him”*** (16)
- e. Experiencing God’s Glory ***“...the glory of the Lord filled the Tabernacle”*** (34)

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