

## *A note from Kathy*

*When God created man and woman in the garden, he gave them work to do. Our work, when viewed as worship and service to God, has purpose and meaning. As a follower of Christ it is not the task that matters, great or small, but that we are a part of what God is doing. The yoke is the bond of connection we share.*

**Matthew 11:28-30** "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

## *Observation*

1. Who was assembled to hear Moses speak, "\_\_\_\_\_."
2. The first item addressed that day was the Sabbath. What instructions were given to the people concerning the Sabbath in verses 2 and 3?
3. How is the Sabbath viewed by God?
4. In what way did this differ from instructions previously given in Exodus 16:23? This is a subtle difference but in light of what God is calling them to do it is very important for them to understand.
5. When assigned this large task, what might the tendency be if they had not been reminded of the Sabbath rest commanded by the Lord?
6. What did you see in Exodus 31:16-17 concerning the Sabbath?
7. By keeping the Sabbath, what was Israel showing to all the other nations?
8. According to Colossians 2:16-17, what is the Sabbath? Paul warns the believers in Colosse not to trade their freedom in Christ for legalistic rules. Legalism never saved anyone. What do you believe Paul wants them to understand about the Sabbath?
9. If you have internet access, go to [www.biblestudytools.com](http://www.biblestudytools.com), type "Sabbath" in the search bar, then in the box, Filter results, choose New Testament only. To the right is a box - choose the translation you would like to use. I used NIV; there were 57 references found. Read through several and gather information. What did Jesus do on the Sabbath? How did he respond to questions concerning his disciple's actions on that day? What activities was he doing on the Sabbath? Turn your paper over or get another sheet of paper to compile your findings.

10. Now let's move on to the offering that was to be gathered. Read Exodus 35:5-29 and highlight or circle the word the repeated word from verse 5, 22, and 26. What was the most important thing for the people to know about this offering? What was this offering called in verses 22 and 29?

*2 Corinthians 9:7 Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

11. Write a list of the items needed for building the tabernacle and the items that would go in the tabernacle. Verses 5-9.

12. Where were the people to get all these supplies?

13. In verses 10-19, Moses tells the people that those who are skilled among them are to come and help with the work of making all the items that would be needed. List the items they were to make. How were they to make each of these items?

14. This offering was taken in seven "calls." List below what items they were to bring in each of the seven calls.

1. Ex. 35:22
2. Ex. 35:23
3. Ex. 35:24a
4. Ex. 35:24b
5. Ex. 35:25
6. Ex.35:27
7. Ex.35:28

15. What two men were chosen to oversee the entire project? How were they chosen? Write their names and everything you know from the scripture about them.

## *Application*

1. The Sabbath was declared a holy day by the LORD. Do you have a day that is set apart for your rest and worship of the LORD?
2. Can you imagine the conversations in the tents the night after Moses laid it all out for the Israelites? What do you think they were saying?
3. When you hear about a need, what is your response?  
What if the need is something huge like the Israelites faced building this tabernacle, or something as simple as school supplies for a kindergarten child or diapers for a single mom? Read John 6:1-13 and see what Jesus did when a young boy gave what he had.
4. What task has God chosen for you? What has he called you to do?
5. How has God equipped you? God does not call us to do anything he will not equip us to carry out.
6. Exodus 31:1-3 and Exodus 35:30-31 both said God filled Bezalel with his Spirit. Only certain individuals in the Old Testament are described as “filled with the Spirit of God.” How is this different for believers today?

**2 Cor. 1:21-22** *Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.*

**John 14:15-17** *"If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever-- the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.*

**Romans 8:9** *You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.*

7. Today, just as then, God calls all His children to be actively involved in His great work. Every assignment given by God is important for the work he is doing. How are we to carry out all God calls us to do? When you are at work each day whether that is at a desk or at home raising the next generation, what is to be the quality of your work?  
Read Col. 3:17, 23
8. Read Ephesians 6:8-9, what instruction does Paul give to employees and their bosses?