

A note from Kathy

So often I look for an expert to help with the details of things I do not feel comfortable doing myself. I can replace a light fixture myself, but if the breaker box needs attention, I would leave this to one who has a far greater knowledge of the details. I cannot master everything, but when it comes to worship, God desires my full attention. No one can do this for me. Worship is simply reverence and honor given to the One who is supreme. It is declaring his worth by every word or deed. Are you prepared to worship Him today? How will you declare His worth?

Observation

1. God had specifically told Moses that Bezalel, Oholiab and several other men were to be the ones constructing his dwelling place. Look at verse 1, how were they to go about the work?
2. All the people were allowed to have a part in building the tabernacle. Every person was allowed to give toward the construction. What was the only stipulation?
3. In verses 4 and 5, we see the workers stopping their work and going to Moses. What surprising news did they report?
4. I realize this chapter is filled with details. It is imperative to remember that God's word has no unnecessary details or filler. God wants us to know these facts. As you study this chapter, remember to ask the author to reveal his purpose to your heart. Make a list of things you see about the character of God, and a list of the things you see about the character of those God is using for his work.
5. In verses 8-13 describe the curtains. A cubit is approximately 18 inches; what does that make the final dimensions for the linen curtain after it was all together?
6. What did this curtain look like? What do you know about it from the text?
7. The next curtain was made of goat hair. What were the final dimensions of this goat hair curtain?
8. Verse 19 states the next two curtains made were to be used as coverings. What were these coverings made of?
9. Verses 20-30 describe the frame that would be used to form the walls of this structure. Each of the boards for the frame would have been _____ wide by _____ thick

and covered with gold. At the end of this study guide, there are artist renderings that might be helpful.

10. How many bases were needed for the north and south side?
11. How many were needed for the west side?
12. Verses 31-34 detail the crossbars that would join all the boards together and provide added stability. They were to make five crossbars for each side; five for the north, five for the south and five for the west. If the walls were fifteen feet long then how long were they to make each of the crossbars?
13. What other facts do you see concerning the crossbars?
14. Verse 35 is a description of the curtain that would divide the two sections of the tabernacle. What were the two sections called?
15. Verses 37-38 give a description of another curtain. Where was this one to be hung?

Application

1. The relationship between the Israelites and the LORD has changed dramatically since the golden calf incident in Exodus 32. They were fearful and ready to turn to an idol to lead them. God dealt with their rebellion and their lack of faith. Exodus 36 said the heart of the people was willing to do all that God had commanded. Would this be an accurate description of your heart toward God? What has God called you to do? Look up Micah 6:8. What will this look like for you today?
2. It is often said that “attitude is everything.” As a child of God has your attitude been a reflection of Galatians 5:22? Turn your page over and jot down this verse; circle any parts that might need your focus. Keep this thought in mind, “fruit is the proof.”
3. Sadly, there are times when we all could look back and we see periods when we allowed fear to take over and we turned to our own devices. When we find ourselves in this situation, what must we do?

Read 1 John 1:9; this is a great verse to memorize. *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”*

4. Underline how God is described in 1 John 1:9. Spend a few minutes considering all that means. How is this important to you?

5. **Considering all you have seen so far in Exodus how is God interested in our worship of Him? Be as specific as possible. What does God long for us to know about Him? What does God want us to see about ourselves? What does he desire of us if we are to come into his presence? If you need some help with this answer, read Psalm 24.**
6. **God had given the Israelites a very important assignment. His work is not for the hesitant or faint of heart. God had given them abilities and skills; according to verse 2, what is their part? God is no respecter of persons how does this apply to us also?**
7. **What skills and abilities has God given you? What was the last assignment, large or small, that God gave you? Are you fulfilling your assignment?**
8. **I know many of the details of this chapter may seem repetitious, but what would you have missed had you not spent this time in Exodus 36?**
9. **God called and equipped Bezalel and Oholiab to lead men and women in preparing everything that would be needed to construct the tabernacle. Not only would the Israelites see that God was with them, but anyone else who came close would see the glory of God as he dwelt among them. What a wonderful testimony to the nations. This was a fulfillment of the promise given to Abraham in Gen. 12:1-3. How are you being used to show the world the true, living, and Sovereign God?**
10. **God gifted the men and women who would be doing the work of putting together everything for the tabernacle. Some were leaders, some organizers, some had a gift to teach and motivate others to see and develop their potential, and many had the gift of helps, simply a heart to do whatever needed to be done. Has God gifted you in any of these areas?**
11. **An Israelite would be reminded daily of their sin and their need for a sacrifice every time they looked at the tabernacle. According to Hebrews 8:5, what was this tabernacle in the wilderness?**
12. **Are you beginning to see why every detail was so important and needed to be done carefully and correctly? There is not a building in heaven that the tabernacle was patterned after; it was the shadow of things to come. The costly sacrifice of an animal impressed upon the sinner the seriousness of his or her own sin before God. Every detail pointed to Christ's perfect and sinless atoning sacrifice for sinners. It pointed to the day when Jesus would pay for our sin "once for all." (Hebrews 10:10) Oh my precious friend, I long for you to know him. I pray you have seen your sin and confessed your need for forgiveness. Jesus paid for my sins**

and yours and the sins of all mankind when he died on the cross. If you have never personally invited him into your heart and life, why not stop now. Ask him to forgive your sins and cleanse your heart. He will give you a hope and a future. Please go to our website, www.withintheword.com and let us know if you make this decision so we may rejoice with you.

- 13. The Israelites were told over and over to “do the work just as the LORD has commanded.” What has God commanded of you? Have you responded quickly and with the right heart attitude, or are you making excuses and delaying your obedience? What is delayed obedience really? Read James 4:17**

