

“Hearts Stirred,
Spirit Moved”

Exodus 35:4-29

Exodus 35:4-29 (ESV)

⁴ Moses said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, “This is the thing that the Lord has commanded. ⁵ Take from among you a contribution to the Lord. Whoever is of a generous heart, let him bring the Lord's contribution: gold, silver, and bronze; ⁶ blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen; goats' hair, ⁷ tanned rams' skins, and goatskins; acacia wood, ⁸ oil for the light, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense, ⁹ and onyx stones and stones for setting, for the ephod and for the breastpiece.

Exodus 35:4-29 (ESV)

¹⁰ “Let every skillful craftsman among you come and make all that the Lord has commanded: ¹¹ the tabernacle, its tent and its covering, its hooks and its frames, its bars, its pillars, and its bases; ¹² the ark with its poles, the mercy seat, and the veil of the screen; ¹³ the table with its poles and all its utensils, and the bread of the Presence; ¹⁴ the lampstand also for the light, with its utensils and its lamps, and the oil for the light; ¹⁵ and the altar of incense, with its poles, and the anointing oil and the fragrant incense, and the screen for the door, at the door of the tabernacle;

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¹⁶ the altar of burnt offering, with its grating of bronze, its poles, and all its utensils, the basin and its stand; ¹⁷ the hangings of the court, its pillars and its bases, and the screen for the gate of the court; ¹⁸ the pegs of the tabernacle and the pegs of the court, and their cords; ¹⁹ the finely worked garments for ministering in the Holy Place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, for their service as priests.”

Exodus 35:4-29 (ESV)

²⁰ Then all the congregation of the people of Israel departed from the presence of Moses. ²¹ And they came, everyone whose heart stirred him, and everyone whose spirit moved him, and brought the Lord's contribution to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service, and for the holy garments. ²² So they came, both men and women. All who were of a willing heart brought brooches and earrings and signet rings and armlets, all sorts of gold objects, every man dedicating an offering of gold to the Lord.

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²³ And every one who possessed blue or purple or scarlet yarns or fine linen or goats' hair or tanned rams' skins or goatskins brought them. ²⁴ Everyone who could make a contribution of silver or bronze brought it as the Lord's contribution. And every one who possessed acacia wood of any use in the work brought it. ²⁵ And every skillful woman spun with her hands, and they all brought what they had spun in blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen. ²⁶ All the women whose hearts stirred them to use their skill spun the goats' hair.

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²⁷ And the leaders brought onyx stones and stones to be set, for the ephod and for the breastpiece, ²⁸ and spices and oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the fragrant incense. ²⁹ All the men and women, the people of Israel, whose heart moved them to bring anything for the work that the Lord had commanded by Moses to be done brought it as a freewill offering to the Lord.

• **This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

Collins Online Dictionary

Definition of 'stewardship'



stewardship



(stju:ə'dʃɪp   , US stu:-  )

uncountable noun

Stewardship is the responsibility of looking after property.

1 Peter 4:10

¹⁰ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Corinthians 6:19–20

¹⁹ Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

For Personal Reflection:

If I had to give an account to God today, would I be able to say that I have been a faithful steward of what He has entrusted to me?

Exodus 35:4–29



Exodus 35:21 (ESV)

²¹ And they came, **everyone whose heart stirred him,** and **everyone whose spirit moved him,** and brought the Lord's contribution to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service, and for the holy garments.

Exodus 35:29 (ESV)

²⁹ All the men and women, the people of Israel, **whose heart moved them** to bring anything for the work that the Lord had commanded by Moses to be done brought it as a freewill offering to the Lord.

Enduring Word Bible Commentary

“God could cause the money and materials to appear by a miracle. Yet He chose to fund His work through the willing gifts of His people. He works this way because we need to be a giving people.”

Matthew 6:24

²⁴ “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

For Personal Reflection:

Does my giving show that I trust God and recognise that everything I have belongs to Him?

Exodus

Chapters 1–18

God delivered
the Israelites
from slavery in
Egypt.



Exodus

Chapters 19–24

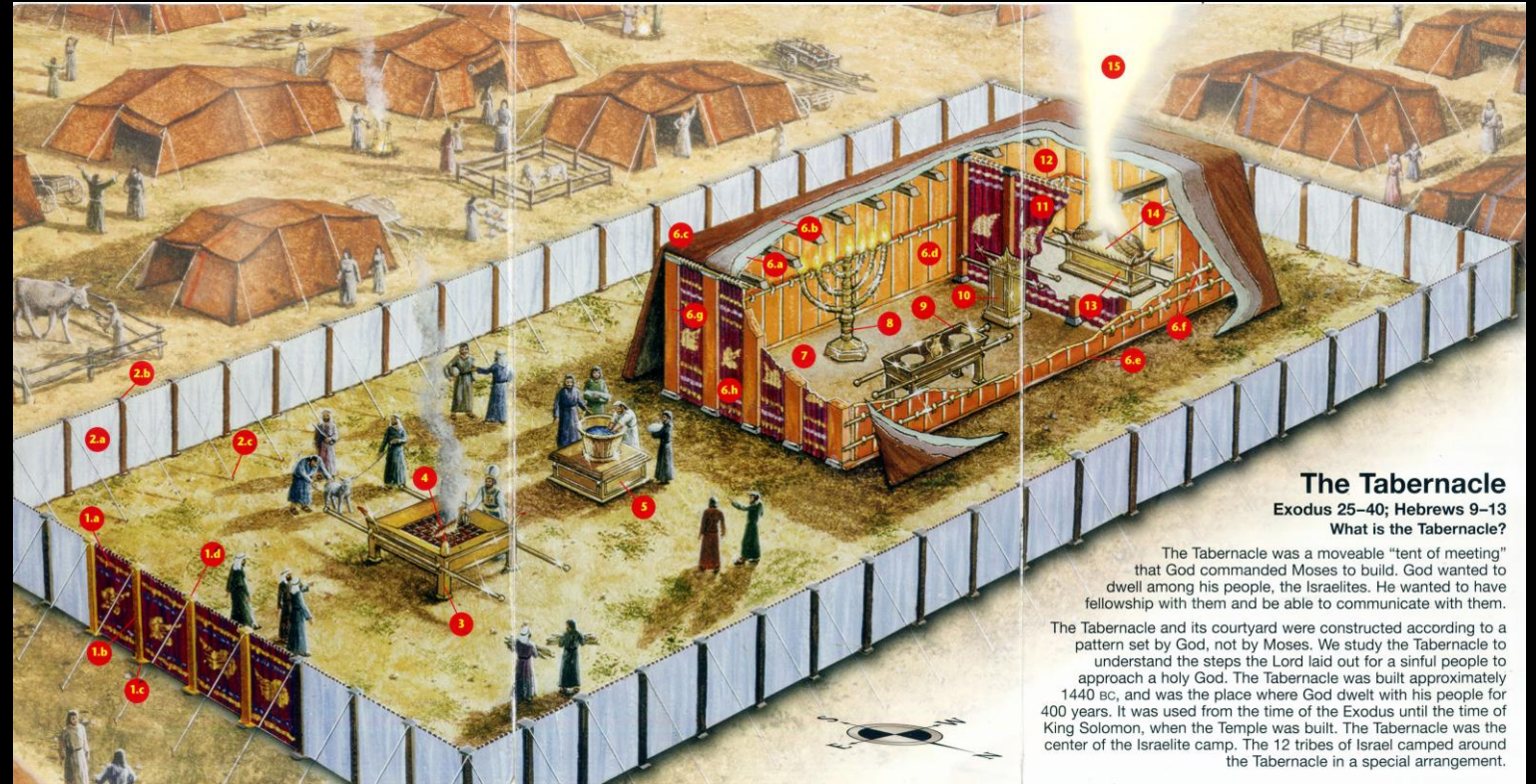
God establishing
His covenant with
the Israelites.



Exodus

Chapters 25–31

God gave the Israelites detailed instructions for building the Tabernacle.



Exodus

Chapters 32–34

The Israelites
sinned against
God by making
and worshipping
a golden calf.



The Book of Exodus

- God remains faithful, gracious, and merciful despite the unfaithfulness of His people.
- The Israelites' generous giving in Exodus 35:4–29 was not driven by duty, but by grateful hearts responding to God's deliverance, provision, grace, and mercy.

Exodus 35:4–5 (ESV)

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Martin Luther

"The heart of the giver makes the gift dear and precious."

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Exodus 35:10 (ESV)

¹⁰ “Let every **skillful craftsman** among you come and make all that the Lord has commanded...

Faith Target

By July 2027, every physically fit worshipper, age 15 and above to serve in at least one ministry



Exodus 35:27–28 (ESV)

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For Personal Reflection:

If God calls me to serve in a leadership role, am I willing to step forward and trust Him to equip me for the task?

Conclusion

- Truth is that we can never outgive God. Everything we have (our lives, time, abilities, possessions, and resources) comes from God and whatever we offer back to Him is simply a response of gratitude for His grace, goodness, and faithfulness toward us.

Conclusion

- True stewardship begins with recognising that we are not owners, but stewards of all that God has entrusted to us. God calls us to faithfully manage and use these gifts for His glory and for the building up of His Church.

Pledge process

- After the service, you will have some time to prepare your pledge forms.
- You can either drop in your pledge forms today or the next few weeks (Closing is 2nd August).
- We want to target 80% pledging rate.