

Exodus 31
“Knowing How God’s Work Is Done”

~ INTRO ~

OK...

- Last week we had an exciting study thru (Exodus 30)...
- Where we learned a few important take aways **we learned:**

#1) The alter of incense represents *the prayers of God’s people* (Rev. 5:8) NLT.

- From this we discussed how Jesus broke up religious prayers...
- In exchange for relational prayer (Matt 6:5-15).
- Jesus gave us a few DO’s & DON’T’s
- AND... that we should pray without giving up...
- Because He is faithful to hear our prayers.

#2) We’re NOT to substitute service for devotion.

- God wants our devotion Him... before our service to Him.
- AND... healthy faith consists of both *devotion & service*.

TONIGHT...

- We move ahead into (Exodus 31).

IDEA #1 – THE ENABLING OF GOD

(Exodus 31)

- Has a few broad topics at hand:
- I. (vv.1-11) = God provides specific gifted people for His work.
- (v.3) Holy spirit filled
- Wisdom (wise advice)
- Understanding (ability)
- Knowledge (expertise / special knowledge)
- Gifted for the work at hand.

HERE’S THE LESSON...

- Gods work is to be done Gods way
- With God’s gifts...
- And for God’s glory.

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(Zechariah 4:6)

“Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord of hosts.”

LET’S CONSIDER THE WORK OF GOD IN OUR TIME...

IDEA #2 – SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1) (Rom 12:4-8) NKJV = **Motivational Gifts...**

a) Expounding Gifts (vv.6b-8a)

- ⇒ Prophecy
- ⇒ Ministry
- ⇒ Teaching
- ⇒ Exhorts

b) Expanding Gifts (v.8b)

- ⇒ Giving
- ⇒ Leading
- ⇒ Mercy

2) (1 Cor. 12:4-11 & 28) NKJV = **Manifestation of gifts...**

- ⇒ Word of wisdom
- ⇒ Word of knowledge
- ⇒ Faith
- ⇒ Gifts of healings
- ⇒ Miracles
- ⇒ Prophecy
- ⇒ Discerning of spirits
- ⇒ Tongues
- ⇒ Interpretation of tongues

PLUS... (v.28)

- ⇒ Helps
- ⇒ Administration

3) (Eph. 4:11-12) NKJV = **Roles of gifts...**

- ⇒ Apostles
- ⇒ Prophets

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- (1 Cor 14:3) NKJV
 - Edification
 - Exhortation
 - Comfort

- ⇒ Evangelism
- ⇒ Pastors / teacher

BACK IN (Ex. 31:12)...

- II. (vv. 12-17) = Specific instruction from the Lord to Israel (Sabbath).
 - This is to be understood as *direction & duty*.
 - (2 Peter 3:1-5) NLT

IDEA #3 – WRITTEN BY GOD

- III. (v.18) = All these instructions in faith were written by God’s hand.

SO... WHAT THE OLD TESTAMENT TAUGHT ISRAEL...

- The New Testament teaches the church.
 - (2 Tim 3:16-17) NKJV

Doctrine = Tells us what’s right

Reproof = Tells us what’s NOT right

Correction = Tells us how to get right

Instruction = Tells us how to stay right

~ IN CLOSING ~

IF... THERE’S AN AREA OF YOUR LIFE...

- Where you’re not living by faith...
 - Can I encourage you to come back to the Lord tonight.