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Worship and give thanks:

John 4:23-24

"But the time is coming, and it is now, when he who truly worships the Father will worship him in spirit and in truth, for the Father wills such ones to worship him. God is spirit, and therefore he who worships him must worship him in spirit and in truth. Worship him in truth."

Hebrews 12:28

"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and serve God acceptably with reverence and awe."

Romans 12:1

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service."

Psalms 95:6

"Come, let us worship, and bow down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker."

This psalm encourages us to draw near to God in a state of worship and honor his power.

These verses remind us that worship is an attitude that comes from the heart, not just lip service, but worshiping God in spirit and truth. Worship should come from the fear of God. It is an expression of love, respect and obedience to God. It can be practiced through prayer, praise, thanksgiving, service, etc.

Worship is an activity in which Christians express respect and worship to God with gratitude, respect and awe. Worship occupies a very important position in the Christian faith, because

through worship, Christians establish an intimate relationship with God, respond to God's love, and seek guidance and spiritual growth.

Worship can include:

Singing hymns: Christians sing hymns to praise and extol the name of God, expressing gratitude and praise to God.

Prayer: Prayer in worship is a communication with God, expressing individual and communal needs, confessions, thanksgiving, and pleadings for God.

Bible reading: In Christian worship, verses are read and biblical truths are preached to enhance understanding of God's word.

Worship may be expressed through dance, drama, art, etc.

Worship is all about connecting us with God and being encouraged and inspired in faith and spirituality.

Let us pray together

Dear Father, we gather here with gratitude and awe that you are our Creator, source of life, ruler of love and mercy. Thank you for the grace you bestow on us every day, rain or shine, we feel your boundless love.

In this special time, we come to worship you and praise your name. You are faithful and your words will never change. Please forgive our transgressions, wash away our sins, let our hearts be clean, and get closer to You.

In this time of worship, we offer you our hearts, our thoughts and our souls. Please come and fill us with comfort and strength in your presence.

Please give us wisdom and strength to face the challenges of life. In times of adversity, help us to maintain faith; in times of difficulty, help us not to shrink; in times of joy, help us to remain humble.

Please protect our families and friends and let them grow in your love and peace. Help us care for those around us, tolerate and support each other. Let's be a blessing in each other's lives.

In our study, work and life, please give us wisdom and guidance, so that we can become bright witnesses and show your glory.

We pray for those who are suffering, poor, sick or alone. Heal them, supply their needs, and give them hope and comfort in the darkness.

We pray for those who are going through hardships, that you will help them by your grace and give hope to those who suffer.

Ask for your wisdom and guidance to lead us on the path of life. May your will be done in each of our lives.

Thank you, Father, for being with us in this worship.

We pray in the name of Jesus, amen

Exodus Chapter 25

Ex. 25:1 The LORD said to Moses,

Ex. 25:2 “Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from each man whose heart prompts him to give.

Ex. 25:3 These are the offerings you are to receive from them: gold, silver and bronze;

Ex. 25:4 blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen; goat hair;

Ex. 25:5 ram skins dyed red and hides of sea cows; acacia wood;

Ex. 25:6 olive oil for the light; spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense;

Ex. 25:7 and onyx stones and other gems to be mounted on the ephod and breastpiece.

Ex. 25:8 “Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them.

Ex. 25:9 Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you.

Ex. 25:10 “Have them make a chest of acacia wood — two and a half cubits long, a cubit and a half wide, and a cubit and a half high.

Ex. 25:11 Overlay it with pure gold, both inside and out, and make a

gold moulding around it.

Ex. 25:12 Cast four gold rings for it and fasten them to its four feet, with two rings on one side and two rings on the other.

Ex. 25:13 Then make poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold.

Ex. 25:14 Insert the poles into the rings on the sides of the chest to carry it.

Ex. 25:15 The poles are to remain in the rings of this ark; they are not to be removed.

Ex. 25:16 Then put in the ark the Testimony, which I will give you.

Ex. 25:17 “Make an atonement cover of pure gold — two and a half cubits long and a cubit and a half wide.

Ex. 25:18 And make two cherubim out of hammered gold at the ends of the cover.

Ex. 25:19 Make one cherub on one end and the second cherub on the other; make the cherubim of one piece with the cover, at the two ends.

Ex. 25:20 The cherubim are to have their wings spread upwards, overshadowing the cover with them. The cherubim are to face each other, looking towards the cover.

Ex. 25:21 Place the cover on top of the ark and put in the ark the Testimony, which I will give you.

Ex. 25:22 There, above the cover between the two cherubim that are over the ark of the Testimony, I will meet with you and give you all my commands for the Israelites.

Ex. 25:23 “Make a table of acacia wood — two cubits long, a cubit

wide and a cubit and a half high.

Ex. 25:24 Overlay it with pure gold and make a gold moulding around it.

Ex. 25:25 Also make around it a rim a handbreadth wide and put a gold moulding on the rim.

Ex. 25:26 Make four gold rings for the table and fasten them to the four corners, where the four legs are.

Ex. 25:27 The rings are to be close to the rim to hold the poles used in carrying the table.

Ex. 25:28 Make the poles of acacia wood, overlay them with gold and carry the table with them.

Ex. 25:29 And make its plates and dishes of pure gold, as well as its pitchers and bowls for the pouring out of offerings.

Ex. 25:30 Put the bread of the Presence on this table to be before me at all times.

Ex. 25:31 “Make a lampstand of pure gold and hammer it out, base and shaft; its flowerlike cups, buds and blossoms shall be of one piece with it.

Ex. 25:32 Six branches are to extend from the sides of the lampstand — three on one side and three on the other.

Ex. 25:33 Three cups shaped like almond flowers with buds and blossoms are to be on one branch, three on the next branch, and the same for all six branches extending from the lampstand.

Ex. 25:34 And on the lampstand there are to be four cups shaped like

almond flowers with buds and blossoms.

Ex. 25:35 One bud shall be under the first pair of branches extending from the lampstand, a second bud under the second pair, and a third bud under the third pair — six branches in all.

Ex. 25:36 The buds and branches shall all be of one piece with the lampstand, hammered out of pure gold.

Ex. 25:37 “Then make its seven lamps and set them up on it so that they light the space in front of it.

Ex. 25:38 Its wick trimmers and trays are to be of pure gold.

Ex. 25:39 A talent of pure gold is to be used for the lampstand and all these accessories.

Ex. 25:40 See that you make them according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.

Exodus Chapter 25 begins the description of God's command to Moses to build the tabernacle. God tells Moses to take voluntary contributions from the Israelites to use in the construction of the tabernacle.

God provides detailed instructions for the construction of the tabernacle and the required furnishings, including the Ark of the Covenant, the table for the showbread, the golden lampstand, and the altar of incense, among others. These items are to be made with exacting precision and the highest quality materials to ensure the perfection and purity of the tabernacle.

God also instructs Moses to construct a tent as God's dwelling place, providing details on the cloth, curtains, cords, frames, and pegs necessary for its construction.

At the end of the chapter, God commands Moses to place the tabernacle and all its furnishings within the tent and to divide the tabernacle into different areas for use by the priests and the people. This chapter emphasizes God's strict requirements for the tabernacle and the way of worship to maintain the purity and integrity of the relationship with Him.

what are the key verses Chapter 25 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 25 contains God's instructions to Moses regarding the construction of the tabernacle, the Ark of the Covenant, and other items used in worship.

The key verses are:

1. "Speak to the people of Israel, that they take for me a contribution. From every man whose heart moves him you shall receive the contribution for me" (Exodus 25:2): This verse emphasizes that the construction of the tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant is to be a communal effort, with everyone contributing according to their ability.
2. "And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst" (Exodus 25:8): This verse highlights the purpose of the tabernacle as a dwelling place for God among the people of Israel.
3. "And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work shall you make them, on the two ends of the mercy seat" (Exodus 25:18): This verse describes the construction of the cherubim that will be placed on top of the Ark of the Covenant.
4. "And you shall put the mercy seat on the top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the testimony that I shall give you" (Exodus 25:21): This verse describes the placement of the mercy seat on top of the Ark of the Covenant, and the importance of the testimony that God will give to Moses.

Overall, Exodus chapter 25 emphasizes the importance of the tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant as a way for the people of Israel to worship and connect with God. The chapter also emphasizes the communal nature of the construction and the importance of the contributions of every member of the community.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 25:

Exodus chapter 25 marks the beginning of a detailed account of God's instructions to Moses regarding the construction of the tabernacle, a place of worship and His dwelling among the Israelites. In this chapter, God provides specific guidelines for

the materials, furnishings, and design of the tabernacle, as well as the procedures for offering sacrifices and conducting worship.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the invitation for the Israelites to contribute willingly and generously to the construction of the tabernacle. God instructs Moses to gather specific items, including gold, silver, and precious stones, from the people. These contributions are to be freely given by those with a willing heart, reflecting their desire to participate in the construction of the sacred space where God's presence will dwell.

The chapter also highlights the attention to detail in the construction of the tabernacle. God provides intricate instructions for the design and construction of the Ark of the Covenant, the Table of Showbread, the Golden Lampstand, and other elements. The materials used, the dimensions specified, and the symbolism behind each item demonstrate the meticulous care and significance placed on creating a holy space for worship.

Another significant aspect of this chapter is the foreshadowing of Christ and His role as the ultimate fulfillment of the tabernacle. The various elements and rituals mentioned in Exodus 25 point to Jesus Christ as the true and perfect dwelling place of God among His people. The Ark of the Covenant, for example, represents the presence of God, and Jesus is the ultimate embodiment of God's presence among humanity.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 25, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the importance of giving willingly and generously in our worship and service to God. Just as the Israelites were invited to contribute to the construction of the tabernacle, we are called to offer our resources, time, and talents for the work of God's kingdom. Our giving should flow from a willing and joyful heart, reflecting our gratitude and love for God.

Secondly, this chapter encourages us to approach worship with reverence and attention to detail. The care and significance placed on constructing the tabernacle remind us that worship is not to be taken lightly. Our worship should be marked by reverence, sincerity, and a desire to honor God with excellence in all that we do.

Furthermore, the foreshadowing of Christ in the tabernacle points us to the ultimate fulfillment of our worship in Jesus. He is the true and perfect dwelling place of God among us. As we engage in worship, we can center our hearts and minds on Jesus, recognizing Him as the ultimate fulfillment of our deepest longings for God's presence.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 25 invites us to participate willingly and generously in the work of God's kingdom. It calls us to approach worship with reverence and attention to detail, and it points us to Jesus Christ as the ultimate fulfillment of our worship and the dwelling place of God's presence. By reflecting on these lessons, we can cultivate a heart of generosity, engage in meaningful worship, and experience the fullness of God's presence in our lives.