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Serve with Piety and Earnestness

Chapter 38 of Exodus records the details of how Moses and the Israelites built the tabernacle and altar according to God's instructions.

Romans 12:11: "Never lose your zeal; be fervent in heart, always serving the Lord."

Colossians 3:23-24: "Whatever you do, do it heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as your reward; and what you serve is Christ the Lord."

1 Corinthians 10:31: "Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."

Ephesians 6:7: "Serve with sincerity and heart, as if you were serving the Lord and not men."

1 Timothy 4:12: "Do not let others look down on you when you are young; be an example to believers in word, in deed, in love, in faith, and in purity."

These verses remind us that service in the Christian church is to be reverent, to be done with sincerity, and to act for the glory of God. While these verses may not directly cover the entire concept, they emphasize the importance of ministry and faith, and of being serious in all ministry.

Serving in the church is indeed an act that requires piety and seriousness. These values reflect a Christian's respect for and commitment to his relationship with God and other people. Here are a few aspects of the importance of being godly and conscientious in church service:

Pious attitude: Service is a kind of spiritual dedication, which requires a pious attitude. Piety means fear, love and trust in God, and humility and reverence in all activities of service.

Serious Responsibility: In church service, people play different roles and carry various responsibilities. Whether it's music, worship, teaching, caring, etc., you need to take your responsibilities seriously and make sure you do it in the best way possible to glorify God and bless others.

Doctrinal Understanding: Pious and serious ministry requires a deep understanding of Christian teachings. This can be done by reading the Bible, attending doctrinal classes, and communicating with pastors and faith teachers. Doctrinal understanding can help you better communicate truth in ministry.

A Good Personal Life: Pious and serious ministry should be reflected in your personal life. This includes your conduct, character and dealing with others. By practicing your faith in your personal life, you can become a better witness.

Persistence: Service is not just a momentary action, but a continuous process. Remaining devout and earnest requires persistent effort, no matter what difficulties or challenges come your way.

Serving in the church requires piety and seriousness, and these values can help us better convey God's love and truth in our duties.

Let us pray together

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for the grace and love that has given us the opportunity to serve in the Church. We ask for the guidance of your Holy Spirit to help us to be reverent and conscientious in our ministry.

Please grant us a devout heart, and let us fill all our actions with reverence for You. May our service not only be superficial, but come from the love and devotion of the heart, because we know your love and grace to us.

Heavenly Father, please help us to keep our hearts reverent, and let us always remember that everything we do is for your glory. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, help us not only to show godliness on the outside, but also to fear you, love you, and fear your will in our hearts.

Please help us understand and practice what the Bible teaches so that our ministry can thrive in truth and righteousness. May we continue to learn, grow, and serve You and others with integrity and humility, guided by the Bible.

Please strengthen our resolve so that we will not be hindered by difficulties and challenges in the process of serving. Let our faith endure in the face of adversity, and let our example encourage others to walk in godly and conscientious paths.

Lord, may Your Holy Spirit guide us so that we may remain humble and attentive in every moment of service. Help us understand your teachings and practice your ways in our lives.

We ask you to give us the strength to overcome all difficulties and challenges. When we face setbacks and exhaustion, may your love and power keep us going.

May your blessing and grace rest on everyone who serves. Let our ministry be a way to honor You and demonstrate Your love and truth in our service.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray, amen.

Exodus CHAPTER 38

Ex. 38:1 They built the altar of burnt offering of acacia wood, three cubits high; it was square, five cubits long and five cubits wide.

Ex. 38:2 They made a horn at each of the four corners, so that the horns and the altar were of one piece, and they overlaid the altar with bronze.

Ex. 38:3 They made all its utensils of bronze — its pots, shovels, sprinkling bowls, meat forks and firepans.

Ex. 38:4 They made a grating for the altar, a bronze network, to be under its ledge, halfway up the altar.

Ex. 38:5 They cast bronze rings to hold the poles for the four corners of the bronze grating.

Ex. 38:6 They made the poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with bronze.

Ex. 38:7 They inserted the poles into the rings so they would be on the sides of the altar for carrying it. They made it hollow, out of boards.

Ex. 38:8 They made the bronze basin and its bronze stand from the mirrors of the women who served at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.

Ex. 38:9 Next they made the courtyard. The south side was a hundred cubits long and had curtains of finely twisted linen,

Ex. 38:10 with twenty posts and twenty bronze bases, and with silver hooks and bands on the posts.

Ex. 38:11 The north side was also a hundred cubits long and had twenty posts and twenty bronze bases, with silver hooks and bands on the posts.

Ex. 38:12 The west end was fifty cubits wide and had curtains, with ten posts and ten bases, with silver hooks and bands on the posts.

Ex. 38:13 The east end, towards the sunrise, was also fifty cubits wide.

Ex. 38:14 Curtains fifteen cubits long were on one side of the entrance, with three posts and three bases,

Ex. 38:15 and curtains fifteen cubits long were on the other side of the entrance to the courtyard, with three posts and three bases.

Ex. 38:16 All the curtains around the courtyard were of finely twisted linen.

Ex. 38:17 The bases for the posts were bronze. The hooks and bands on the posts were silver, and their tops were overlaid with silver; so all the posts of the courtyard had silver bands.

Ex. 38:18 The curtain for the entrance to the courtyard was of blue, purple and scarlet yarn and finely twisted linen — the work of an embroiderer. It was twenty cubits long and, like the curtains of the courtyard, five cubits high,

Ex. 38:19 with four posts and four bronze bases. Their hooks and bands were silver, and their tops were overlaid with silver.

Ex. 38:20 All the tent pegs of the tabernacle and of the surrounding courtyard were bronze.

Ex. 38:21 These are the amounts of the materials used for the tabernacle, the tabernacle of the Testimony, which were recorded at Moses' command by the Levites under the

direction of Ithamar son of Aaron, the priest.

Ex. 38:22 (Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made everything the LORD commanded Moses;

Ex. 38:23 with him was Oholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan — a craftsman and designer, and an embroiderer in blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen.)

Ex. 38:24 The total amount of the gold from the wave offering used for all the work on the sanctuary was 29 talents and 730 shekels, according to the sanctuary shekel.

Ex. 38:25 The silver obtained from those of the community who were counted in the census was 100 talents and 1,775 shekels, according to the sanctuary shekel —

Ex. 38:26 one beka per person, that is, half a shekel, according to the sanctuary shekel, from everyone who had crossed over to those counted, twenty years old or more, a total of 603,550 men.

Ex. 38:27 The 100 talents of silver were used to cast the bases for the sanctuary and for the curtain — 100 bases from the 100 talents, one talent for each base.

Ex. 38:28 They used the 1,775 shekels to make the hooks for the posts, to overlay the tops of the posts, and to make their bands.

Ex. 38:29 The bronze from the wave offering was 70 talents and 2,400 shekels.

Ex. 38:30 They used it to make the bases for the entrance to the Tent of Meeting, the bronze altar with its bronze grating and all its utensils,

Ex. 38:31 the bases for the surrounding courtyard and those for its entrance and all the tent pegs for the tabernacle and those for

the surrounding courtyard

Exodus chapter 38 continues the account of the construction of the tabernacle. The chapter describes the construction of the bronze altar, the courtyard, and the basin for washing.

The bronze altar was used for burnt offerings and was made of acacia wood covered with bronze. The altar was hollow and had horns at each corner. The courtyard was made of curtains of finely twisted linen, held up by bronze posts and silver hooks. The courtyard was rectangular and measured 100 cubits by 50 cubits.

The basin for washing was made of bronze and was placed between the altar and the entrance to the tabernacle. It was used for the priests to wash their hands and feet before entering the tabernacle.

The chapter concludes with a summary of the materials used and the skilled craftsmen who made everything according to God's instructions.

Overall, Exodus chapter 38 emphasizes the importance of having a designated place of worship and the attention to detail required in its construction. It also highlights the importance of following God's commands and working together in unity to accomplish His will.

The key verses Chapter 38 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 38 describes the construction of the altar of burnt offering, the bronze basin, and the courtyard of the tabernacle. The key verses in this chapter are:

1. "He made the altar of burnt offering of acacia wood. It was square, five cubits long, five cubits wide, and three cubits high." (Exodus 38:1) - This verse describes the construction of the altar of burnt offering which was a significant part of the tabernacle.
2. "He made the bronze basin and its stand from bronze mirrors donated by the women who served at the entrance of the Tabernacle." (Exodus 38:8) - This verse highlights the contribution of the women who served at the tabernacle and donated bronze mirrors for the construction of the bronze basin.
3. "The bases for the posts were made of bronze. The hooks and bands on the posts were silver, and the tops of the posts were overlaid with silver. So all the posts of the courtyard had silver bands and hooks, with bronze bases." (Exodus 38:17-19) - This verse describes the construction of the courtyard of the tabernacle and the use of bronze and silver in its construction.
4. "The screen for the entrance to the courtyard was made of finely woven linen and was embroidered with blue, purple, and scarlet thread. It was the same size as the inner curtain of the Tabernacle." (Exodus 38:18) - This verse describes the screen for the entrance to the courtyard and its construction using finely woven linen and embroidery.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 38:

Exodus chapter 38 continues the account of the construction of the tabernacle and its furnishings. In this chapter, we see the detailed description of the construction of the altar of burnt offering, the basin for washing, and the courtyard of the tabernacle. The materials used, such as bronze and precious metals, are listed, highlighting the significance and value placed on creating a sacred space for the worship of God.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the importance of order, structure, and attention to detail in worship and service to God. The meticulous construction of the various elements of the tabernacle reflects the Israelites' commitment to honoring God through their offerings and the creation of a space dedicated to His presence. The materials used and the precise measurements demonstrate their reverence and dedication to the worship of the Lord.

The chapter also emphasizes the role of the community in the construction of the tabernacle. It mentions the participation of the skilled craftsmen and the willing hearts of the people who contributed the necessary materials for the construction. This highlights the collaborative effort and the shared responsibility of the Israelites in creating a place of worship for their community.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 38, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the importance of order and attention to detail in our worship and service to God. Just as the Israelites followed specific instructions for the construction of the tabernacle, we should approach our worship and service with reverence and a desire to honor God. Paying attention to the details and ensuring that our actions align with His Word can help create an environment that glorifies Him.

Secondly, this chapter highlights the value of community and shared responsibility in our worship and service. The Israelites came together, each contributing their part, whether it was through skilled craftsmanship or the offering of materials. Similarly, as believers, we are part of a larger community of faith. We should recognize that our individual contributions, skills, and resources can be combined to create a more significant impact for the kingdom of God. We are called to support and encourage one another in our collective worship and service to Him.

Furthermore, the chapter emphasizes the importance of our offerings and contributions to God's work. The Israelites willingly gave their valuable possessions to construct the tabernacle,

demonstrating their commitment and dedication to the Lord. We too are called to offer our resources and talents to God, recognizing that everything we have comes from Him. Our offerings can be used to support the work of the kingdom and create spaces where God's presence can be experienced.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 38 teaches us about the importance of order and attention to detail, the value of community and shared responsibility, and the significance of our offerings and contributions to God's work. It calls us to approach our worship and service with reverence and a desire to honor God in all that we do. By reflecting on these lessons, we can cultivate an environment that glorifies God, collaborate with others in our worship and service, and offer our resources and talents to support His kingdom