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God's Voice

40:36 Whenever the cloud goes up from the tent, the Israelites set out and go.

40:37 If the cloud is not closed, they will not set out until the cloud is closed. There are many verses in the Bible that are considered to be God's call or invitation to people to follow Him, serve Him, and believe in Him. Here are some commonly cited examples:

Matthew 11:28-30: Jesus said: "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, so that your hearts will be shall find rest. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

John 14:6: Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 10:27: Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, I know them, and they follow me."

Romans 12:1: Paul exhorted believers: "I beseech you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. "

James 1:22: James encourages believers: "But you must do the word, don't just listen to the word and deceive yourselves."

Micah 6:8: "Man, the LORD has shown you what is good. What does he require of you? If only you will do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God."

These verses represent many of the biblical calls to follow God, to believe, to serve, and to do His will. Different denominations and faith groups may place more emphasis on some of these verses, but in general, these verses express God's invitation and calling to humanity.

Responding to God's call is often considered a deeply personal experience, a process of developing a relationship with God and fulfilling His will. Here are some common methods and principles for responding to God's call in Christianity:

Prayer and Meditation: In prayer and contemplation, people seek communion with God. By listening and speaking in silence, they can more easily perceive God's guidance and direction.

Read the Bible: Christians believe that the Bible is inspired by God. Through in-depth reading of the Bible, they can understand God's will and teachings and thus better respond to God's call.

Devotionals and Meditations: By focusing on God's Word and truth, people can perceive God's guidance and revelation more acutely in devotionals and meditations.

Seek Guidance: Seek guidance from a faith leader, pastor, elder, or other experienced Christian who can offer helpful advice based on biblical teaching and personal experience.

Inner Peace and Affirmation: Sensing God's call can come with inner peace and affirmation. When a person feels inner peace, stability, and certainty, it may be God guiding them.

Signs and Miracles: Sometimes, people experience signs and miracles, and these supernatural events may be a manifestation of God's calling.

Personal Passions and Gifts: God may call a person in terms of their interests, passions and gifts. By using their gifts for God's kingdom, people can better understand God's calling.

Community Affirmation: Sometimes others in the faith community can also help a person affirm God's call through their testimony and affirmations.

Patience and an Open Mind: Sensing God's call is an ongoing process that requires patience and an open mind. People should always be humble and willing to accept God's leading and teaching.

Above all, sensing God's call is a personal experience that may be different for each individual. Therefore, Christians are encouraged to have an intimate relationship with God, seeking and obeying His will through various means.

Let us pray together

Father, we gather before your holy name to pray to you with humility and thanksgiving.

Bless our families, our friends, our communities, and the world with your infinite love and compassion. May you manifest your glory and miracles in our lives.

May you guide our steps and let our actions be in line with your will. In our struggle and exhaustion, give us strength and comfort. In our joy and success, keep us humble and grateful.

Please heal those who are sick and comfort those who are in distress. May your grace shower upon all those in need.

In this world, may your truth and love always be. May we treat others with love, kindness and tolerance, following your example.

Please take care of those who are suffering and suffering. May you grant them peace and relief. Please also bless those who are emotionally hurt or alone, and let them feel your love and support.

Please lead us so that we can hear your voice and understand your will. Help us to treat others with kindness, tolerance and love, sowing seeds of hope and peace in this world.

Before your mercy and grace. Help us to empty ourselves to hear your voice and to follow your will.

You are our teacher, our savior. Please grant us a humble heart, may we be willing to get rid of the vanity of the world, in order to feel your love and guidance.

May you be our rest in our busyness. In our hesitation, may you be our firmness. May your voice echo in our hearts like sweet music.

We acknowledge our weakness and we need your strength. In this devout prayer, we call out for your grace. Help us to cast off our self-satisfaction and just follow your path.

We pray in your mercy and trust that you will answer our call. Thank you for your love and guidance.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Exodus CHAPTER 40

Ex. 40:1 Then the LORD said to Moses:

Ex. 40:2 “Set up the tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting, on the first day of the first month.

Ex. 40:3 Place the ark of the Testimony in it and shield the ark with the curtain.

Ex. 40:4 Bring in the table and set out what belongs on it. Then bring in the lampstand and set up its lamps.

Ex. 40:5 Place the gold altar of incense in front of the ark of the Testimony and put the curtain at the entrance to the tabernacle.

Ex. 40:6 “Place the altar of burnt offering in front of the entrance to the tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting;

Ex. 40:7 place the basin between the Tent of Meeting and the altar and put water in it.

Ex. 40:8 Set up the courtyard around it and put the curtain at the entrance to the courtyard.

Ex. 40:9 “Take the anointing oil and anoint the tabernacle and everything in it; consecrate it and all its furnishings, and it will be holy.

Ex. 40:10 Then anoint the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils; consecrate the altar, and it will be most holy.

Ex. 40:11 Anoint the basin and its stand and consecrate them.

Ex. 40:12 “Bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance to the Tent of Meeting and wash them with water.

Ex. 40:13 Then dress Aaron in the sacred garments, anoint him and consecrate him so that he may serve me as priest.

Ex. 40:14 Bring his sons and dress them in tunics.

Ex. 40:15 Anoint them just as you anointed their father, so that they may serve me as priests. Their anointing will be to a priesthood that will continue for all generations to come.”

Ex. 40:16 Moses did everything just as the LORD commanded him.

Ex. 40:17 So the tabernacle was set up on the first day of the first month in the second year.

Ex. 40:18 When Moses set up the tabernacle, he put the bases in place, erected the frames, inserted the crossbars and set up the posts.

Ex. 40:19 Then he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering over the tent, as the LORD commanded him.

Ex. 40:20 He took the Testimony and placed it in the ark, attached the poles to the ark and put the atonement cover over it.

Ex. 40:21 Then he brought the ark into the tabernacle and hung the shielding curtain and shielded the ark of the Testimony, as the LORD commanded him.

Ex. 40:22 Moses placed the table in the Tent of Meeting on the north side of the tabernacle outside the curtain

Ex. 40:23 and set out the bread on it before the LORD, as the LORD commanded him.

Ex. 40:24 He placed the lampstand in the Tent of Meeting opposite the table on the south side of the tabernacle

Ex. 40:25 and set up the lamps before the LORD, as the LORD commanded him.

Ex. 40:26 Moses placed the gold altar in the Tent of Meeting in front of the curtain

Ex. 40:27 and burned fragrant incense on it, as the LORD commanded him.

Ex. 40:28 Then he put up the curtain at the entrance to the tabernacle.

Ex. 40:29 He set the altar of burnt offering near the entrance to the tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting, and offered on it burnt offerings and grain offerings, as the LORD commanded him.

Ex. 40:30 He placed the basin between the Tent of Meeting and the altar and put water in it for washing,

Ex. 40:31 and Moses and Aaron and his sons used it to wash their hands and feet.

Ex. 40:32 They washed whenever they entered the Tent of Meeting or approached the altar, as the LORD commanded Moses.

Ex. 40:33 Then Moses set up the courtyard around the tabernacle and

altar and put up the curtain at the entrance to the courtyard.

And so Moses finished the work.

Ex. 40:34 Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

Ex. 40:35 Moses could not enter the Tent of Meeting because the cloud had settled upon it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

Ex. 40:36 In all the travels of the Israelites, whenever the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle, they would set out;

Ex. 40:37 but if the cloud did not lift, they did not set out — until the day it lifted.

Ex. 40:38 So the cloud of the LORD was over the tabernacle by day, and fire was in the cloud by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel during all their travels

Exodus chapter 40 concludes the book of Exodus with the setting up of the tabernacle and the glory of the Lord filling it.

The chapter begins with God instructing Moses to set up the tabernacle on the first day of the first month, which was the beginning of the second year since the Israelites left Egypt. Moses follows God's instructions and sets up the tabernacle, placing all the furnishings inside it as God had commanded.

Once everything was in place, Moses anointed the tabernacle and all its furnishings with oil and consecrated them to the Lord. He then consecrated Aaron and his sons as priests and anointed them with oil as well.

Finally, the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle, and Moses was unable to enter it because of the cloud of the Lord's presence that covered it. The cloud of the Lord's presence remained over the tabernacle during the day, and at night, it appeared as a pillar of fire.

The chapter concludes with a powerful statement that the cloud of the Lord's presence was with the Israelites throughout their journeys in the wilderness.

Overall, Exodus chapter 40 emphasizes the importance of following God's instructions and consecrating ourselves and our worship to the Lord. It also highlights the significance of God's presence with His people and His willingness to lead them through their journeys.

The key verses Chapter 40 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 40 describes the final construction and assembly of the Tabernacle, and its consecration for use as a holy place of worship for the Israelites. The key verses in this chapter are:

Verse 2: "Set up the tabernacle, the tent of meeting, on the first day of the first month."

Verse 9: "Take the anointing oil and anoint the tabernacle and everything in it; consecrate it and all its furnishings, and it will be holy."

Verse 16: "Moses did everything just as the Lord commanded him."

Verse 33-34: "Then Moses set up the courtyard around the tabernacle and altar and put up the curtain at the entrance to the courtyard. And so Moses finished the work."

Verse 35: "Moses could not enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle."

These verses demonstrate the completion of the instructions given to Moses by God in earlier chapters, the obedience of Moses in carrying out those instructions, and the final act of God's glory filling the Tabernacle as a sign of his presence with the Israelites.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 40:

Exodus chapter 40 marks the completion of the tabernacle and the final act of consecration. After months of meticulous construction and preparation, the time has come for the tabernacle to be set up and filled with the presence of God. Moses receives detailed instructions from the Lord regarding the arrangement of the furnishings and the anointing of the priests. The chapter concludes with the glorious manifestation of God's presence filling the tabernacle.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the fulfillment of God's promise to dwell among His people. The tabernacle serves as a tangible representation of His presence in the midst of the Israelites. Through the construction and consecration of the tabernacle, God establishes a sacred space where He can dwell and commune with His chosen people. This fulfillment of God's promise highlights His faithfulness and His desire for a close relationship with His people.

The chapter also emphasizes the role of obedience in experiencing God's presence. Moses meticulously follows the Lord's instructions, ensuring that every detail of the tabernacle's setup

and consecration is carried out precisely as commanded. His obedience demonstrates the importance of following God's guidance in order to create an environment where His presence can be experienced.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 40, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of God's desire to dwell among His people. Just as the tabernacle served as a meeting place between God and the Israelites, we are called to cultivate a personal relationship with Him. Through faith in Jesus Christ, we become the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit, and God desires to have an intimate and ongoing relationship with us.

Secondly, this chapter underscores the significance of obedience in experiencing God's presence. Like Moses, we are called to be attentive to God's instructions and follow them wholeheartedly. Obedience is not merely about carrying out religious rituals or adhering to rules; it is about aligning our lives with God's will and purposes. As we submit to His guidance and walk in obedience, we position ourselves to experience His presence in a more profound way.

Furthermore, the chapter encourages us to create space in our lives for God's presence. Just as the tabernacle was meticulously set up and consecrated, we should be intentional about setting aside time and creating an environment where we can encounter God. This can involve engaging in prayer, reading His Word, participating in worship, and seeking moments of solitude and stillness to listen to His voice. By creating space for God in our lives, we open ourselves to experience His presence more fully.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 40 teaches us about God's desire to dwell among His people, the importance of obedience in experiencing His presence, and the need to create space for Him in our lives. It reminds us of the faithfulness of God and His invitation for a close and personal relationship with us. By reflecting on these lessons, we can cultivate a deeper awareness of God's presence, walk in obedience to His will, and create a space where His presence can dwell in our lives.

Notes:

The Book of Exodus is another challenging book of the Christian Bible that has many difficult questions that remain unanswered. Here are a few examples:

1. What was the true identity of the Pharaoh who ruled during the time of Moses? The Bible does not name the Pharaoh, and there are several candidates from Egyptian history who could fit the bill. Scholars have proposed various possibilities, but there is no consensus on who the Pharaoh actually was.
2. How did the plagues in Egypt occur? Some scholars believe that the plagues were natural phenomena that were interpreted as divine acts, while others argue that they were supernatural events caused directly by God.
3. What was the exact route of the Israelites during the Exodus? The Bible provides some details, but the geography and topography of the region have changed over time, making it difficult to determine the exact path of the Israelites.
4. What was the nature of the manna that fell from heaven to feed the Israelites in the wilderness? The Bible describes it as a miraculous substance, but scholars have proposed various explanations, including that it was a natural product of the desert environment.
5. How did Moses part the Red Sea? Some scholars believe that the event was a natural phenomenon caused by a strong wind, while others argue that it was a supernatural act of God.

Again, it's important to note that while these questions remain unanswered, they have inspired ongoing scholarship and theological reflection.