

## Everyone Working Together

**Opener:** When have you actually followed God's instructions precisely?

**Scripture:** So all the work on the tabernacle, the tent of meeting, was completed. The Israelites did everything just as the Lord commanded Moses. <sup>33</sup>Then they brought the tabernacle to Moses: the tent and all its furnishings, its clasps, frames, crossbars, posts and bases; <sup>34</sup>the covering of ram skins dyed red and the covering of another durable leather and the shielding curtain; <sup>35</sup>the ark of the covenant law with its poles and the atonement cover; <sup>36</sup>the table with all its articles and the bread of the Presence; <sup>37</sup>the pure gold lampstand with its row of lamps and all its accessories, and the olive oil for the light; <sup>38</sup>the gold altar, the anointing oil, the fragrant incense, and the curtain for the entrance to the tent; <sup>39</sup>the bronze altar with its bronze grating, its poles and all its utensils; the basin with its stand; <sup>40</sup>the curtains of the courtyard with its posts and bases, and the curtain for the entrance to the courtyard; the ropes and tent pegs for the courtyard; all the furnishings for the tabernacle, the tent of meeting; <sup>41</sup>and the woven garments worn for ministering in the sanctuary, both the sacred garments for Aaron the priest and the garments for his sons when serving as priests.

<sup>42</sup>The Israelites had done all the work just as the Lord had commanded Moses. <sup>43</sup>Moses inspected the work and saw that they had done it just as the Lord had commanded. So Moses blessed them. Exodus 39:32-43

They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: "See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain." Hebrews 8:5

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

[Jesus] said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. I Peter 2:9

### Discussion Questions

1. So all the work on the tabernacle, the tent of meeting, was completed. The Israelites did everything just as the Lord commanded Moses. Why did it matter that the tabernacle was crafted just as God commanded? Exodus 39:32; Hebrews 8:5
2. The tabernacle is where God's glory is manifested as a sign of God's presence with His people. Who is the true tabernacle? How do we actually experience His glory in the church today? John 1:14
3. Each element in the tabernacle was meticulously designed by God to convey deep spiritual truths, pointing forward to their ultimate fulfillment in Jesus Christ and illustrating God's character and plan for redemption. For example, what did the Ark of the Covenant and its contents represent? Exodus 39:33-40
4. The golden lampstand had 7 branches with lamps fueled by pure olive oil. Located in the Holy Place, what would it and the oil represent? With that in mind, how did it foreshadow Jesus Himself? Ex. 39:37; John 8:12
5. Why did the Lord appoint priests for Israel? Why did He command that the priests wear these sacred garments? How do priests and their ministry foreshadow the church? Exodus 39:41. I Peter 2:9
6. How did Moses' role as leader contribute to successfully completing the Tabernacle? Exodus 39:32, 42-43

**Wrap Up:** Finally, it is finished! The tabernacle contents and structural components were complete and ready for Moses' inspection. And his approval was critical, because while God chose Israel as His own whether they obeyed or not, additional blessings were conditional on their obedience. These days it's the same—God's grace joins us to Him through simple faith in Christ. But He's granted us an amazing gift—we get to make choices. So choose wisely and be amazed at the blessings that will follow.