

Inspired

A tabernacle is a temporary dwelling place or shelter. Even the Great Tabernacle of God was really a big tent. We can read in the book of Exodus, of God giving Moses instructions on the way in which the Great Tabernacle was to be constructed. God had it constructed so as to be movable. As He led the Children of Israel toward the Promised Land, the Tabernacle was to be the central place of worship where the newly issued ceremonial law, with all the animal sacrifices and other things that went along with it, would take place.

In addition - and most importantly - within the Great Tabernacle was the Most Holy Place; the place where the presence of God would dwell among the people of God.

It is a remarkable thing to read the detailed instructions that were given by God for the Tabernacle's construction; the precise way in which everything was to be made and fit together. God left little up to the imagination of the builders; exacting a unique design of His own. Were I Moses, I would have found the task most daunting.

But there is a section in the telling of the story where, in addition to telling Moses exactly *what* to build and exactly *how* to build the Tabernacle, God actually tells Moses exactly *who* will do the actual work of building this ornate and elaborate worship tent... assuring Moses that it will be done right, and well.

Observe...

Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: "See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, to design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze, in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of

workmanship. "And I, indeed I, have appointed with him Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and I have put wisdom in the hearts of all the gifted artisans, that they may make all that I have commanded you: the tabernacle of meeting, the ark of the Testimony and the mercy seat that is on it, and all the furniture of the tabernacle- the table and its utensils, the pure gold lampstand with all its utensils, the altar of incense, the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the laver and its base- the garments of ministry, the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons, to minister as priests, and the anointing oil and sweet incense for the holy place. According to all that I have commanded you they shall do." (Exodus 31:1-11 NKJV)

Even way back then, somewhere in the Wilderness of the Sinai Peninsula, God was filling his people with His Holy Spirit for the work of the service of the House of the Lord. It was not just Moses who was "inspired" of God, but also those who put their hands to the more mundane, the non-glamorous, and even the physical aspects of the place of worship. They too, were chosen by God, inspired by God, filled with the Holy Spirit of God. Should we think it any different today?

While working at some "church chore", while vacuuming the carpet, or hanging a banner, or swinging a paintbrush, or heating the stew, or balancing the church books... have you ever wished you could do something "spiritually" beneficial for the church; something downright inspired? Beloved... you most certainly are.

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