

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

**January 7, 2026**

**Exodus 35:4-29**

### **Introduction:**

1. Moses wore a veil because the Israelites feared looking at his face. (Ex. 34.30,35)
  - a) The Old Law was “*passing away*” (2 Cor. 3.7,10,13,14).
  - b) The Old Law had no hope in contrast to the New Law of hope. (2 Cor. 3.12)
  - c) Why did Moses not want them to see? (2 Cor. 3.13; Rom. 10.4)
  - d) The veil was a metaphorical reference to Jewish ignorance. (2 Cor. 3.14,15)
2. Exodus 35 takes us from instructions to build the tabernacle to action.
  - a) Chapters 35-39 are almost verbatim to chapter 25-31 indicating obedience.
  - b) The key word of this passage: “*heart*” (Ex. 35.5,20,22,26,29).

### **I. THE INVITATION TO GIVE**

- A. Breaking down the text.
  1. The command: “*Take from among you an offering to the Lord*” (Ex. 35.4,5)
  2. The condition: “*Whoever is of a willing heart...*” (Ex. 35.5)
  3. **Exodus 35:5-9:** The materials to be given.
- B. Why do we give on the first day of the week? Obligation? Guilt? Glory?
  1. The Macedonians provided the example of a willing heart. (2 Cor. 8.1-5)
  2. Giving with a willing mind “*is to your advantage*” (2 Cor. 8.10-12).
  3. The attitude that God loves to see in us. (2 Cor. 9.7)

### **II. THE INVITATION TO WORK**

- A. Breaking down the text.
  1. The command: “*make all that the LORD has commanded*” (Ex. 35.10)
  2. The condition: “*All who are gifted artisans*” (Ex. 35.10; 28.3; 31.6; 36.1).
  3. **Exodus 35:11-19:** The blueprints for the tabernacle. (cf. Ex. 25-27)
- B. What skills have you been given?
  1. The prophecy of Jeremiah provides an example of being gifted. (Jer. 1.5-7)
  2. Every one of us has been given a gift. (Eph. 4.7,11; Rom. 12.3,4)
  3. The purpose of our gifts. (1 Pet. 4.10,11)

### **III. ISRAEL RESPONDS TO THE INVITATION**

- A. Breaking down the text.
  1. The departure: “*the children of Israel departed*” (Ex. 35.20). Why?
  2. The determination: “*heart was stirred...spirit was willing*” (Ex. 35.21,22,29)
  3. **Exodus 35:22-28:** The specific offerings which were given.
- B. Building the tabernacle was a community project.
  1. Rebuilding the temple exemplified community. (cf. Neh. 3 - “*next to him.*”)
  2. **1 Corinthians 12.27-31:** Members all working together.