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Exodus 38 verses 21 through 31. These are god's words. This is the inventory of the tabernacle, the tabernacle of the testimony.

Which was counted according to the commandment to Moses. For the service of the Levites by the hand of ithamar. Son of Aaron, the priest. Bezel all the son of worry, the son of whore of the tribe of judah, made all that. Yahweh had commanded Moses. And with him was a holy abs, son of a hastamath of the tribe of dan.

And engraver and designer a weaver. Of blue and purple and scarlet, thread, and to find linen. All the gold that was used in all the work of the holy place. That is the gold of the offering buzz. 29, talents. And 730 shekels according to the shekel of the sanctuary.

And the silver from those who were numbered to the congregation was 100 talents and 1,775 shekels. According to the shekel of the sanctuary abeka for each, man. That is half a circle. According to the shekel of the sanctuary. For everyone, included in the numbering from 20 years old and above for 603,550 men.

And from the hundred talents of silver were cast the sockets of the sanctuary and the bases of the veil 100 sockets. From the hundred talents one talent for each socket. Then from the 1775 shekels, he made hooks for the pillars, overlaid, their capitals and made bands for them. The offering of bronze was 70 talents and 2,400 shekels.

And whether he made the sockets for the door of the tabernacle of meeting, The bronze alter the bronze grating for it. And all. The utensils for the altar. The sockets for the court, all around the bases for the court gate. All the pegs for the tabernacle. And all the pegs for the court.

All around. So far, the reading of god's. Inspired and inherent toward.

Is interesting in the first two verses of this section of God's word. He reminds us as we Uh, we'll see especially in Something of a climax of the construction, the making of everything that is needed for the worship of god next week. When we do the priestly garments, one of the things you'll notice, Is that seven times?

He says there, as yahweh had commanded Moses. And, The lord. Is saying something not just seven times what he's saying something by the number seven. And next next week's passage And it's something that we've noticed already that god has given us the way of worshiping him. Which is one of the ways that he shows that he is god and we are not Because he's the one who defines what worship is.

And whenever we put ourselves into that business, Uh, we tried upon territory that belongs to god and and not man. And so, it is a demonstration of his glory, not only that, we worship him, but specifically, how we worship him that we worship him in the way. That he has command that he has commanded.

And so it's very interesting in verse 21 and verse 22. As he tells us in verse 22 bezel also in a very son of hers on a tribe of Judah, made all that. Yahweh had commanded Moses That it actually has a parallel with verse 21. It cannot be It cannot be thought.

Uh, that Moses makes this commandment. Upon. His own initiative. In verse 21. Just as they were not to make any census of the people upon their own initiative as verse 26 refers to a census. And somebody, when he says that the inventory of the tabernacle was counted according to the commandment of Moses, what he's doing is he's showing us here or he's calling our attention to the fact that justice god, commanded the particular parts of the tabernacle and of what they were to be made and their designed.

He's the one who commanded this inventory. Or this accounting this. Numbering. And we could perceive we could see. In the course of the passage at least three reasons that he does. So, And, Happily, we're able to make them. Conformed to English words that start with the same letter. Um, Uh, one reason that he Commands.

This inventory, this accounting is to show forth the riches That he had provided. For the public worship of god, the second reason is to press upon us the responsibility. As those to whom the handling. Of something. So valuable. Has as the worship of god has been given. And in this case, especially the responsibility To for bezel and the holympt, Uh these these men who are named in connection with the accounting, And, For whom not just the amount of gold and silver and bronze.

That is enumerated here. Uh, but the commandment of god for what to do. With this gold and silver and bronze was entrusted to them. So the great responsibility. Of worshiping rightly and especially of leading god's people in that worship. In this case, leading, the construction of what was necessary for that worship.

And then in the last place in the third base place, The emphasis that god places on integrity. God cares about the integrity of, man. That we do things uprightly before him. And, Happily. We have a good English word. That shows it in the same way that it's shown here that we do things up countably.

To him. And you think, immediately, or at least I do because it's One of my life versus That those who shepherd, the flock of god, must do. So as those who give account, Hebrews 13. Uh, verse Verse 17. And so we'll consider those three things very briefly. God has provided great riches.

Uh, for His own public worship. In the history of the world. Where we find ourselves? In Exodus, 38 in the, in the history of the world, he had concentrated the treasure of the world at the time in the nation of Egypt. And then he had liquidated, all of Egypt's assets to send them out with Israel.

And then, he gave not only the riches of And you know these numbers, they don't mean anything to us. They're like National national debt numbers. There's they're so Unimaginable to us, but Um, you know, 70 million dollars worth of gold. And considering how much gold has been. Uh, unearthed in the intervening three and half millennia.

So, Probably. Uh, quite a bit more valuable, just thinking in earthly terms. Um, but A as far as they could, imagine a glorious amount. Of gold. Uh, each base each socket into which one of these boards were put Was made out of a talent of silver, 75 pounds. Of silver.

You know, some levite, you know, has a Has a donkey with a cart. And the only thing that that carton carries around the wilderness is a 75 pound silver socket. To wedge aboard into Um, Uh, you know, if you go to Lowe's and you're in a construction pop Project.

And Uh, you're looking for the hardware into which the things fit and you ask, where are the solid silver custom fittings? Um, Won't be able to find them. Um, if you could every Lowe's on earth would be, Burgled every night. For their 75 pound. Silver sockets. For their boards.

Um, The lavish. Expenditure of god. Upon the shadow worship. This is the shadow worship. This is the tent. And, and yet, Uh, the riches of the material and the riches of the generosity. That these Uh, these middle eastern people and I know in our socialistic. Um, Culture. It's become common to associate covetousness with the rich.

But we associate covetousness with the children of adam and I was often those who have little that are most covetous. Uh, and how great then that god lavished upon his people not only gold and silver and bronze. But coming out of what they had come out of and being the sort of people that we know them to be so far.

And Uh, Just sort of people that we will see them to be. If the lord spares us to study more of his word about them together, That he lavished upon them the richness of a generous hearts. Uh, these are generous heart is true riches. There's, No one. So wealthy.

As the one who has enough. Who who has a heart given to them by god and in which they They feel free. Out of the, they're abundance to give Um, as As the lord describes to the Corinthians in akaia of the giving of the Macedonians that they gave out of the abundance of their poverty.

Yeah, how wealthy? The generous hearted Macedonians were who were penniless or denarius less? As, as the case might be, And the riches that are lavished when god gives Us the ability. Uh, to worship him on earth and the generosity to be open hearted and open-handed. Uh, to give ourselves to him.

So that's one thing he shows by this inventory by this accounting. We So the second thing is responsibility bezel I and the holy ad did, With what they were given. Uh, what they were? Uh, what they were told to do ithamar did As he was commissioned to do. Etheimer.

Uh, one of the two sons that would survive their ordination. Uh, you remember two of Two of errands, four sons. By the end of the ordination day, where ashes? Um, But, Fmr is less famous because he's not in native, or by who And to him was entrusted, this numbering this accounting.

And he fulfilled his responsibility. Uh we we see the greatness of what god has invested. And we ought to do. We ought to to treat something upon which god has spent. So richly. With great care. Um, My my dad moved his family over from egypt, one person at a time.

And there are in his family, many physicians, but they started out every one of them quite poor. Uh, in america and as they got more wealthy. Um, They upgraded their housing and they upgraded, their Their meals and, and And so forth. And i remember, Being a growing boy and coming over to my aunt's house.

Um, For a holiday dinner. And she served quail. And to a growing boy, this. Tiny little bony. Uh, fowl Did not look like a, a sumptuous meal. And, I'm afraid i disrespected. The great amount that must have been lavished on that coil. It's not a normal thing to to get quail in american grocery stores.

Um, And i was, Properly rebuked. For not valuing and treating the Uh, the quail. That was so lavishly provided For me, as i ought to have And, Um, A turt in god's. Providence, you ever hear this? I'm sorry again for turning my nose up at the quail. But, Even in the ridiculousness, that That we Or at least that i feel about using such an illustration.

You can see The, the infinite, how much more When god has lavished, not just now gold and silver and bronze are even generous hearts for israelites, which is incalculably greater than gold and silver and bronze. But he is lavished for the purchase and construction. Of his uh, his permanent tabernacling among us.

He has spared. No expense. Is not just spent all that is in the creation. He has spent the creator himself, who dwarfs the value? Of all of the creation. And he is not just given. The. Grace sustained, generous hearts of israelites. But he has given The humanity of his son.

In which he rendered to us. The obedience, about which we just sang in psalm 40. That. That sacrifice. He did not desire but a body god prepared for his son, the lord jesus. And it's the obedience of jesus. Throughout his life and at the cross. And in consecrating, Our worship by his blood that is what?

God has lavished upon. Has worship. And so each of us, Ought to take whatever responsibility we have. We may not have our name in print on a program. Like bezel got his name in print here in verse 22 and a holy ab got his name in print in verse 23 And yet.

They did not do it by themselves. You remember, there was an army of craftsman who worked with them. And each of us has the part that we have in the public worship of god. And we ought to fill the fulfill. The responsibility that he is assigned. Uh, to us and something.

That he has. Spent his son and the blood of his son in the righteousness of his son. Uh, to consecrate and construct for us. Uh, we should fulfill our responsibility to gather. We should look to him. For that grace by which we worship in reverence and awe for these things are given by grace we learn at the end of Hebrews chapter 12, Uh, we should come in faith and worship.

In faith that the worship might be accepted in jesus. Even as it has been procured by jesus. We should worship an obedience according to his word alone and adding nothing extraneous or unnecessary from man, that it would be what god has commanded with. God has desire. We should come in boldness.

To worship god, he has lavished his son upon us and we come through the new and living way that is his flesh. And we come with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience just as our bodies have been cleansed by pure water. And we are sprinkled and cleansed by his blood and consecrated.

Uh, we should not come haltingly or dragging our feet. Or with. With the remainders, the leftovers of our energy or our time, or our devotion, to god, look at what he has, what he has spent to purchase this worship. Uh surely those who came to the tabernacle ought to have had that lesson, although they they are men like we and had sinful natures like we Um, and probably didn't so much as they ought to.

Uh but if they ought to have come to the tabernacle worship with boldness and diligence and zeal and reverence how much more we So there is that responsibility and then there's the importance of integrity, which for the sake of, having three yards, we called reliability. But that god, counted to the shekel.

Not just to the to the half shekel. To the Becca. Was, i think two places in the bible, where the word Becca appears But for us, the equipment would be to say he he counted to the penny. How much was given? And what it was used for integrity matters to god.

Uh, when when paul was collecting for the church in jerusalem, He required that trustworthy men. Um, Go and and deliver it and give an account come back and and Describe. What was done? It is important that trust trustworthy men. Trustworthy. That those who handle the Um, the money among the people of god, we trustworthy and that records be kept.

God actually like printed a receipt for the tabernacle. At the end of Exodus 38. Should we? Should we not keep good records? And have. Have integrity. In the, in the handling of what god has given us to do. When we made application in the second point, we We basically made the same point with which we conclude.

That, how much more each of these is true. How much more true it is? That riches have been spent on our website. How much more true it is? Uh, the greatness of our responsibility. In participating, in whatever our part is. In the The public worship of god. How much more true?

Uh, when The church is the body of christ. Now, Uh, that integrity be maintained. In. Um, In being accountable and giving Giving account christ himself. Is what god has spent. Upon the worship. And it's christ's own heart. From which our generosity. And our zeal. And our love and diligence for his worship comes.

So, Let us worship god. As those. Who will give account. Let's pray. Lord, thank you for putting this. In your word for us, that we might be. Instructed. To value. Your worship to see how you value your worship. Um, that we might respond with zeal and diligence and love.

Uh, in the fulfilling of our responsibilities. And that we might do so with integrity as those Who would be prepared to give an account? Grant to us. We pray the ministry of your spirit, applying to us the character of christ. That by his grace. We would both see and rejoice.

And then also respond. Having rejoiced in faith responding and repentance as well. We ask in jesus name, amen.