

Series: Unlikely Heroes

BEZALEEL – A CUNNING WORKER

EXODUS 31, 35

Text: Exodus 31:2, 35:30

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Introduction:

We have named in our text one of the most famous names in the entire Bible - Of course not.

Most people have never heard of Bezaleel.

He was not a priest, prophet or an Apostle, but rather a man who worked with his hands.

We know very little about this man, but what we do know is that God used him in a great way. He was the first person in scripture to be described as “being filled with the Spirit of God.”

That honor was first given to a “blue collar worker.”

Notice:

1. HIS CHARACTER (EXODUS 31:2, 35:30)

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His name means “in the shadow of God.” This gives a little insight into his character.

Received his name from parents who knew the importance of dwelling beneath the shadow of God

We too must realize the importance of dwelling beneath the shadow of God.

Note:

Psalm 17:8

⁸ *Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings,*

Psalm 36:7

⁷ *How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.*

Psalm 57:1

¹ *Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.*

Psalm 63:7

⁷ *Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.*

Psalm 91:1

¹ *He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.*

It is a:

- A. It's Personal Place – He
- B. It's A Permanent Place – Dwelleth

Too often the only time we seek His presence is when we find ourselves in times of distress.

- C. It's Precise – The secret place of the most High

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Shortly following the tragic events on the dreaded morning of September 11, 2001 most everyone was desirous of praying to God for protection and comfort to those who lost friends and family members, but it was short lived.

D. Praising Place

Psalm 63:7

⁷ Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

E. Promising Place

- The Promise of a Refuge (vs. 2-4)

Psalm 91:2-4

² I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. ³ Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. ⁴ He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

- The Promise of Protection from Fear (vs. 5-10)

Psalm 91:5-10

⁵ Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; ⁶ Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. ⁷ A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. ⁸ Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. ⁹ Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; ¹⁰ There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

- The Promise of Strength (vs. 7)

Psalm 91:7

⁷ A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

Notice not only “His Character” but also:

2. HIS CALL OR COMMISSION (EXODUS 31:2-11)

Exodus 31:2-11

² See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: ³ And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, ⁴ To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, ⁵ And in cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship. ⁶ And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are wise hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee; ⁷ **The tabernacle** of the congregation, and **the ark** of the testimony, and **the mercy seat** that is thereupon, and **all the furniture of the tabernacle**, ⁸ And **the table** and **his furniture**, and **the pure candlestick with all his furniture**, and **the altar of incense**, ⁹ And **the altar of burnt offering** with all his furniture, and **the laver and his foot**, ¹⁰ And the **cloths of service**, and **the holy garments for Aaron** the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office, ¹¹ And **the anointing oil, and sweet incense for the holy place**: according to all that I have commanded thee shall they do.

A. He Was To Build the Place of Worship – The Tabernacle

B. He Was To Build the Pieces Used For Worship

I'm grateful for all those that God used in the past and is using presently to build this place of worship and the pieces needed for the service of the Lord today.

But to receive the call or commission is not enough without:

3. HIS COMPLETION (EXODUS 36:1)

Exodus 36:1

¹ Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whom the LORD put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the LORD had commanded.

Exodus 37:1

¹ And Bezaleel made the ark of shittim wood: two cubits and a half was the length of it, and a cubit and a half the breadth of it, and a cubit and a half the height of it:

Exodus 38:1-7

¹ And he made the altar of burnt offering of shittim wood: five cubits was the length thereof, and five cubits the breadth thereof; it was foursquare; and three cubits the height thereof. ² And he made the horns thereof on the four corners of it; the horns thereof were of the same: and he overlaid it with brass. ³ And he made all the vessels of the altar, the pots, and the shovels, and the basons, and the fleshhooks, and the firepans: all the vessels thereof made he of brass. ⁴ And he made for the altar a brasen grate of network under the compass thereof beneath unto the midst of it. ⁵ And he cast four rings for the four ends of the grate of brass, to be places for the staves. ⁶ And he made the staves of shittim wood, and overlaid them with brass. ⁷ And he put the staves into the rings on the sides of the altar, to bear it withal; he made the altar hollow with boards.

Exodus 38:22

²² And Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the LORD commanded Moses.

Note:

A. He Was Faithful

We too need to be faithful to the Word and Wishes of God.

B. He Was a Finisher

We too need finish our course.

4. HIS COMMITMENT (EXODUS 35:34)

Exodus 35:34

³⁴ *And he hath put in his heart that he may teach, both he, and Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan.*

He had a desire in his heart to teach others what he had learned.

Note:

1 Corinthians 14:19

¹⁹ *Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.*

2 Timothy 2:2

² *And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.*

We find here Paul speaking to Timothy, Paul was at least thirty years older than Timothy. Notice in this verse that the Bible talks about four different people. It

speaks of Paul, Timothy, Faithful men, and others. Paul taught Timothy, Timothy was to teach faithful men; faithful men were to teach others.

When you examine God's work, you are going to find that there is always the hand print of a human being on another human being. Someone has invested themselves into your life. Have you invested your life in the life of someone else?

Notice:

A. There Is A Principle That Must Be Followed

Matthew 11:28-30

²⁸ Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

- The Lord says, "Get in this yoke with me."
Understand what I'm doing.
- He says learn of me.

We to are to invest our lives into the lives of others.

B. There's A Price To Pay

2 Timothy 2:3

³ *Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.*

There is a price to pay in passing the truth on to others.

Thought:

Would it be better to leave our children great wealth or a godly heritage?

Not only is there “A Principle to Follow and “A Price to Pay” but also:

C. There's A Person To Please

2 Timothy 2:4

⁴ *No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.*

Note:

The One who has chosen us to be a soldier is the One that we are to please.

God is pleased as pay the price in teaching others also what He has taught us.

Close:

Remember:

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It was God who enabled him to do what it is he did,
and it is God who enables us.

But God enables those who are available.

"Our greatest achievement is doing what God asks of us." Our greatest challenge is to LISTEN.