

Intro:

Main Point of Text: God gives people specialized skills to build His place of worship according to His intricate designs.

Sermon Point: *Build Up God's Church with His Gifts.*

Move 1: You each have special gifts because God gave them to you use you.

I called (vs. 2), I have filled (vs. 3), I have given/put (vs. 6). Vs. 4: to devise "cunning" works (26:1, 31; 28:6, 15). Vs. 3: Spirit of God: God-given talent to envision design and discipline to execute it. Vs. 6: wisdom. God-given design (Ex. 25:9; Heb. 8:9). Need God-given skilled labor for vss. 7-11 (chs. 25-30). God is providing qualified workers/on site oversight. Vs. 1, Bezaleel, J. Gill: "in the shadow of God". Whether from Judah (vs. 2) or Dan (vs. 6) the Church is ... *a city ... whose builder and maker is God.* (Heb. 11:10). So be confident in your gifts, but not arrogant about them: 1 Cor. 1:31; 2 Cor. 10:17).

Move 2: All your individual gifts are to work for the glory of your One True God.

Explain: "I command(ed)" (vs. 6, 11). He calls, gives, fills for a purpose: for devising (vs. 4, thoughtful planning); for making (vs. 6), by carving (vs. 5). To do all the tabernacle designs as He commanded (vss. 7-11): intricate and ornate. Its purpose: worship of God. Ps. 127:1. Your talents are to reflect your Redeemer: vss. 3: wisdom, understanding, knowledge; vs. 6: wise hearts. *In [Christ] are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.* (Col. 2:3.) Zech. 6:12-13. 1 Cor. 10:31.

Move 3: God gifts you with special skills to glorify Him by building up His Church.

Vss. 7-11 all the intricate, ornate designs of chapters 25-30, summarized in vs. 11: command to perfectly build the Tabernacle, precursor to Temple, both prefiguring Christ/His Church: His people, 1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19; Rev. 21-22. Vs. 6, Aholiab: name related to Hebrew root for Tabernacle. Be Aholiabs. 1 Cor. 12:4, 13. Apply Rom. 14:19; 15:2; 1 Cor. 14:3, 5, 12, 26; 1 Thes. 5:11; Eph. 4:15-16, 29. Be edified to do so by Phil 1:6; Mt. 16:18; Psalm 69:35; 147:2; Amos 9:11. Model Nehemiah 2:5, 18; 4:6.

Conclusion:

Ecclesiastes 3:3; Haggai 1:8

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