

Exodus Chapter 31

I. Spirit Filled-Construction Workers

1 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: 2 "See, **I have called by name Bezalel** the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah.

- **"I have called [him] by name"** I know all about you!
 1. Bezalel
 2. Father's name is Uri, his father is Hur
 3. Tribe of Judah

I have called him by name?

Isaiah 43:1..."Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine.

John 10:3 Jesus sheep]...hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name...

Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you..."

- **God will give us a new name...**

Revelation 2:17 Church of Pergamos] To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone **a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it.**"

3 And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, 4 to design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze, 5 in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of workmanship.

Filled him with the Spirit of God:

Heb. **Ruwach**; Lit. breath, wind, vigor, animation, courage, mind

- **Wisdom:** Application of knowledge
- **Understanding:** From heb. root *biyn* [bene] to discern, understand, consider
- **I gave him the ability to create** [imitate] **beauty**
 1. Manipulating precious metals
 2. Cutting Jewels
 3. Carving Wood

He works well with his hands because God's hand is on him and God's Spirit indwells him

- I know your name ...and I created you for this purpose
 1. Construction worker
 2. Artist
 3. Businessperson
 4. Bus Driver
 5. Landscaper

- 6. Homemaker
- 7. Student

I have called you by name...

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts [plans] that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

- We need to step into the purpose of God with courage
- Esther was asked to risk her life to save her people...

Esther 4:14 ...if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

Seek to save your life and lose it...lose your life for Jesus and find it

- Knowing God and God knowing us...gives our lives purpose/meaning
- **Next:** Apprentices

6 "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: 7 the tabernacle of meeting, the ark of the Testimony and the mercy seat that is on it, and all the furniture of the tabernacle— 8 the table and its utensils, the pure gold lampstand with all its utensils, the altar of incense, 9 the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the laver and its base— 10 the garments of ministry, the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons, to minister as priests, 11 and the anointing oil and sweet incense for the holy place. According to all that I have commanded you they shall do."

- **God calls His "wisdom infused" team to create:**
 1. Tent
 2. Ark and Mercy Seat
 3. Furniture in Tabernacle
 4. Altars: Burnt Altar and Altar of Incense
 5. Brass Laver
 6. Priestly Garments
 7. Anointing Oil and Sweet Incense
- Supervision of Bezalel
- Empowered and led by God's Spirit
- Following God's Specific Blueprints given to Moses on the Mountain
- Copy of things in heaven

II. Sabbath Law for Israel

- Moses still on the Mountain with God

12 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 13 "Speak also to the children of Israel, saying: 'Surely My Sabbaths you shall keep, for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the Lord who sanctifies you.

- **Sabbath:** Seventh Day of Jewish calendar; i.e. Saturday
- **Sign to Israel:**
 1. **NOTE:** Between God and "the children of Israel" v 13
 2. Kept throughout generations
 3. Sign [lit. mark/signal/remembrance] pointing to the God who sanctifies

14 You shall keep the Sabbath, therefore, for it is holy to you. Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work on it, that person shall be cut off from among his people. 15 Work shall be done for six days, but the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death.

- What is Holy to Me must be treated as Holy to you thus...
- Death Penalty for Israel not keeping the Sabbath

Rest or Die

- Deliberately placed after instruction to build. A warning regarding priorities...

Some Christians live in a constant state of total eclipse, allowing what they do for Jesus to seem more important than what Jesus did for them. [Guzic]

16 Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant. 17 It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed."

Sign between God and the Children of Israel. Period.

- Jesus is fulfillment of the Sabbath for the Church
- Legalists want to generalize Sabbath keeping to the Church

Colossians 2:16 So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, 17 which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ. 18 Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind...

- **Let no one judge you...**let no one cheat you

18 And when [God] had made an end of speaking with [Moses] on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, **written with the finger of God.**

- Not the ones placed in Ark of Testimony as seen in next chapter...