

CELEBRATE THE WORK

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Exodus 38-39

Introduction: We replicate what we **celebrate**.

Background: Moses blessed the people for doing God's work.

1. God's Work involves **Purpose, 38-39**

Altar of Burnt Offering (**38:1-7**) – **Adoption**/Jesus is the Lamb of God

Basin of Bronze (**38:8**) – New **clothes**/Jesus is the Good Shepherd

Outer Court (**38:9-20**) – God's **porch**/Jesus is the Vine

Priestly Garments (**39:1-31**) – God's **advocate**/Jesus is the Better High Priest

When we realize the reason we are on earth, we can fulfill our purpose.

2. God's Work involves **People, 38:21-31**

Leaders (38:21) – God puts people in place to oversee

Makers (38:22-23) – God puts people in place with skill

Givers (38:24-31) – God puts people in place with resources

It's a privilege to be part of God's work!

3. God's work involves **Process, 39:32-43**

Command to do the work (**39:32**) Obedience

Courage to do the work (**39:33-42**) Time, effort, energy, sacrifice

Celebration of the work (**39:43**)

"Moses blessed them" (**Numbers 6:22-27**)

"Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips" (**Ps 141:3**)

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue" (**Prov 18:21**)

"Can you hear that it takes real work and effort to practice being an encourager in a critical, negative world? That it doesn't just happen?" (Parenting With Words of Grace, Smith, 134).

"A home that focuses on what people are doing well has a refreshingly different atmosphere from a home that reinforces that nothing anyone does is ever worthwhile or good enough" (Smith, 136).

What we do fits in God's larger plan. He is working in the long term for His glory and to bring about His purposes.

Conclusion: Enjoy God more by participating with Him in His work.