

# Exodus: Building the House of God

## [Exodus 35:1–39:43](#)

In these chapters, Israel moves towards repentance and obedience by freely offering their wealth and talents for the construction of the Tabernacle—God’s home among them. Today, God continues to call his people to contribute our resources and gifts to the building up of his house, the Church.

## Application

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1. In initiating the Sabbath, God called the Israelites to be dependent on him and distinct from the culture around them. How does your life (your money, work, politics, relationships, etc.) bear the marks of dependence and distinctiveness?
2. Is there anyone in spiritual authority regularly checking on you and giving you direction? If so, how do you respond to their guidance? If not, who do you need to invite to speak into your life and obey?
3. What gifts, talents, and skills has God given you? Does the way you use them show that you are more eager to build up yourself or the local church?
4. The Israelites contributed more than what was needed for the building of the Tabernacle, out of their love for God and desire for his presence. Has your relationship with God ever been marked by this kind of gratuitous worship? If not, what might that look like for you?

## Key Points

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- God desires to be received by his people, but he will not compel them to do so.
- True repentance and obedience is gratuitous and produces unity among God’s people.
- If we’re going to obey God, we must also obey our spiritual leaders, and God will make leaders evident by his presence and power demonstrated in their lives.

## Other Scripture References

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[Proverbs 18:1](#)

[1 Peter 2:5](#)

[Ephesians 5:21](#)

[Psalm 91:1](#)

[1 Corinthians 12:31](#)

[Matthew 26:6–13](#)