

AMBASSADORS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

EXODUS 36:2-19

June 14, 2026

Theme: The talents and resources with which God has entrusted the believer are not to be stored away but displayed and used. Have your gifts ready and God will find you work that counts for eternity.

I. **Review**

- A. Sabbath 35:2
- B. Contributions 35:21
- C. Craftmanship 35:31
- D. 36:1 This statement is a summary of Gods' endorsement
God, even as He does today, had gifted and equipped each individual for the task He had required of them Rmns 12:6; Eph 4:12
- E. J. Calvin: "This verbal repetition, then, reminds us how accurately the labor and art of men in the building corresponded with the command of God."

II. **The People's Reaction To The Call For Contributions (36:2-7)**

- A. **36:2-3** The project swung rapidly into motion.
 - 1. (vs 2) He called the Israelites to serve Him willingly, with a glad heart (everyone whose heart stirred him)
 - 2. (vs 3) A process that saw Moses receiving the people's offerings and immediately passing them on
 - 3. (vs 3) Note every morning, regularly, systematically, a first thing priority.

J. Calvin: "Here is set forth, first of all, the diligence and prudence both of Moses and the artificers, and secondly, their integrity. Their prudence is shewn in the distribution of the materials among them; their diligence in the quickness with which they commence the work, without waiting till they have enough for its completion; whilst they testify their extraordinary integrity when they voluntarily declare that enough has been given, and put a stop to the offerings, lest they should be more than they required.

- B. **36:4-7** A stop is put to the people's contributions
- C. Difference in approaches - Grace is the best motivation for giving (2 Cor 8:1-9)

- III. **Construction of the Tabernacle Proper (36:8–38) [Fulfillment of 26:1–27]**
- A. The actual construction begins here in Exodus 36:8.
 - B. Moses sometimes would repeat all the details and sometimes would not.
36:8–39:43 (“Just as the Lord commanded” 17x)
 - C. J. Calvin: “What follows represents, as by a lively image, as we have said, how faithfully they executed whatever God had prescribed, so as not to vary from it even in the smallest thread.”
 - D. **36:8–13** the fine curtains (Note past tense fulfillment)
 - E. **36:14–19** The coarse curtains
- IV. **Striking Facts:**
- A. Precious souls redeemed by Christ are the material of the New Testament Church
 - B. 1 Pet. 2:1-5
 1. (2:5a) The Privilege of Union with Christ (see Col 3:3-4; cp. Eph 2:20)
 2. (2:5b) The Privilege of Access to God as Priests (see I Tim 3:15; Heb 3:6)
 3. (2:5c) To offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (see Romans 6:13, 12:1)
 - C. Believers’ spiritual privileges [def. a special right, advantage, or immunity granted or available only to a particular person or group] begin the moment the Holy Spirit draws them into a saving union with Jesus Christ. They then have access to the very presence of God as priests who are privileged to offer up a variety of spiritual sacrifices, which are really just the essential characteristics of the Christian life. One of the primary functions in the church’s mission to advance God’s kingdom is to stimulate its members to fulfill their priestly duties. That fulfillment, above any external representations, is the divine measure of the church’s success.¹
- V. **Theme:** The talents and resources with which God has entrusted the believer are not to be stored away but displayed and used. Have your gifts ready and God will find you work that counts for eternity.
- VI. **NEXT WEEK**
- A. June 21, 2026
 - B. Exodus 36:20-38

¹ John F. MacArthur Jr., *1 Peter*, MacArthur New Testament Commentary (Chicago: Moody Publishers, 2004), 106–117.