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The Center of His Will

By: Jessie Dixon (Source: 'The Voice of Joy' February/March 2008 pg. 14)

Q: What is the shortest chapter in the Bible?

A: Psalms 117

Q: What is the longest chapter in the Bible?

A: Psalms 119

Q: Which chapter is in the center of the Bible?

A: Psalms 118

Fact: There are 594 chapters before Psalms 118

Fact: There are 594 chapters after Psalms 118

Add these numbers up and you get 1188.

Q: What is the center verse in the Bible?

A: Psalms 118:8

Q: Does this verse say something significant about God's perfect will for our lives?

The next time someone says they would like to find God's perfect will for their lives and that they want to be in the center of His will, just send them to the center of His Word!

Psalms 118:8

“It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.”

Now isn't that odd how this worked out (or was God in the center of it)?

Bezaleel and Aholiab

By: Andrew Lacroix

Exodus 31:1-6

Last summer, we spent time on five lesser known yet important Bible characters who each affected the work of God. They all started with the letter "D" (Demas, Demetrius, Diotrophes, Dorcas, and Deborah). In turn, each affected the work of God in a way that began with the same letter. Recently, I wrote a devotional entitled "Mahershalalhashbaz" (3/15/13 HFT). His name is mentioned just twice in Scripture, yet he was the sign of a major event in Scripture. I'd like to continue a short lasting theme of lesser known Bible characters and look at two key people during the journey to the Promised Land. These two men were Bezaleel and Aholiab.

God has just given several chapters of immaculate, elaborate, and particular detail regarding where He will dwell with the Israelites on their journey. This is the tabernacle. The question Moses must have been mulling over is: *Who is going to build this? Am I the one, Lord, to build this wonderful habitation in which you will dwell in?* The man who said he was of slow speech is not the man. *Is it Aaron?* No. Someone who had really good hands and pays real fine attention to details such as the specifications commanded by God in regard to His holy habitation. This is where Bezaleel and Aholiab are called to the task.

Apparently Bezaleel, of the tribe of Judah (v.2), and Aholiab, of the tribe of Dan (v.6), were going to be filled with the knowledge of how to construct the tabernacle, all of its contents, inside and out, and everything else the Lord requested. Were Bezaleel and Aholiab special in any way, shape, or form? It was said of Aholiab that he was a: "cunning workman" (38:23, which is the last reference of him by name in Scripture). An architect and a builder are two key people needed in the construction of any building; whether it be a simple house or a skyscraper. Consider Aholiab equipped for the job. What about Bezaleel? The Lord had to do this mighty work.

It is only fitting that Bezaleel would have to be equipped by the Lord. Bezaleel is a perfect example of the soul who has just trusted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. God starts to do a great work in that soul, over time (that is why it is called progressive sanctification, not instant sanctification), and the finished product will be on display along

with every other trophy of His saving grace in Heaven and will be for all eternity. Bezaleel by far is not the only one equipped by the Lord for his specific duties. Moses Himself said he was not an eloquent man. He had the best training of any Hebrew! I don't know if he was trying to be humble or if he was just too proud to be humbled to a certain position. He liked it out in the wilderness. God equipped him with what He thought was necessary and Moses took it and ran with it. How many preachers, teachers, evangelists, and missionaries knew they were completely equipped when God said "Go"? Very few, if any, will actually admit this. Now, the skill set Bezaleel needed was not necessarily spiritual, but it was very important and does carry spiritual overtones that extend to our present day. God will equip each believer with various gift(s) (cf. I Cor. 12:4-11), and some will be more necessary than others, but each believer will serve a purpose with his or her intended gift(s). If a group of believers have all different gifts, that will all be used to honor and glorify the Lord in each local church. Don't have what God has asked of you? Pray and seek God, that He may and will equip you properly. If you are a Christian who wants to do right and do a lot for God, He will so move in your life. May God equip us all for our purpose in this world and in our local church(es).

Now, it may have only taken no more than four to build the ark for the Flood (Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, cf. Gen. 6:14-18), but were only two here going to build all that God asked? There were a lot of specifications; more, I would argue, than a 450' by 75' by 60' ark made of gopher wood, pitch, a window, and a door. Bezaleel and Aholiab were not going to be alone in doing this. God told Moses that along with Bezaleel: "Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and in the hearts of *all* that are wise hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee." (31:6) There is no "i" in team. Two really good players on a baseball field need assistance from the other seven on the field in order to win a ball game. Case in point, God enabled all who were "wise hearted" to assist in the project. They would have a six day work week in concordance with the Fourth Commandment (20:8).

So many would participate, under the leadership and guidance of Moses, Bezaleel, and Aholiab. They were the ones willing to "go" and do the work. What if you cannot "go"? Maybe there is something that holds you back. You should at least be willing to "go", but if you do not, at least be willing to "give".

In chapter 35, Moses asks for an offering, but he says this: "whosoever is of a *willing* heart, let him bring it, an offering of the Lord..." (35:5) Those who are willing to go, but don't, need to be willing to give. Those of us who are not willing to go definitely need to be willing to give. Not everyone is needed to go, but everyone is needed to give, and not everyone is needed for a specific duty. Those who had these willing hearts brought their offerings to the work being done (35:21, 29).

Note another quality the Lord blessed both Bezaleel and Aholiab with: "And He hath put in his heart that he (Bezaleel) may teach, both he and Aholiab..." (35:34) There are many who are willing to go and "get their hands dirty", but they lack the specific talent needed for the job. In the building of the tabernacle, Bezaleel and Aholiab had the talents needed, and these two were willing to teach any and all who were willing to "get their hands dirty" for the

Lord. Would it be said of you and I, Christian, that we are willing individuals? Will you put it all on the altar? Your high paying job, your friends and loved ones, to go, serve God, get your hands dirty, and win souls to Jesus? Will you and I give if we're not called to go? Will we give even if it means cutting back on pleasure to see people come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ? Are you and I willing to instruct others, just like Aquila and Priscilla taught Apollos (cf. Acts 18:26) to expand what he had already been taught? Teaching is yet another great gift the Lord has given to the local church. Let's use it.

Bezaleel handled most of what Aholiab didn't do, but apparently, when everything had been carried out, only one thing remained: the ark of the testimony. He couldn't do that. Only Moses could, and that took place later on. Everything else was credited to Bezaleel, Aholiab, and those who were stirred by Moses, as the tabernacle was finished: "according to all that the Lord had commanded Moses" (39:32).

Aholiab is not mentioned by name again after 38:23. Bezaleel is given a passing reference in I Chronicles 2:20. However, note II Chronicles 1:5: "Moreover the brasen altar, that Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, he put before the tabernacle of the Lord; and Solomon and the congregation sought unto it." This very altar, made by this man, lasts into Solomon's reign and perhaps ever further, as a testimony to those who constructed the tabernacle. Things done for the Lord last. Bezaleel and Aholiab left a lasting impression. Will you and I, Christian, leave behind a lasting impression of what God wrought in our lives? Perhaps your words or something you did will resurface years, decades, or even centuries later and be used again by the Lord and His people?

The Lord will try to stir you up. Be pliable, let Him move, don't fight Him, and He will equip you for any job, physical or spiritual, as lessons for an eternity of serving Him.

Bezaleel and Aholiab were only mentioned a combined thirteen times by name in Scripture (Bezaleel eight and Aholiab five), but their impact, dedication, testimony, and Christian life lessons have been in place and are still usable over three thousand years later. You don't have to be a big shot to do something good to glorify the Lord. You just have to be born again.

“Account” (Part 3) (By: Craig Glickman)

This is the continuation of a long, yet informative study on every appearance of the word “account” in the Bible. This word appears 31 times in the King James Version (*Account, Accounted, Accounting, Accounts*). For sake of space, I will show only the reference but I encourage you to take your Bible and read the passages.

Psalms 144:3 – This passage is a Psalm of David. Here, David in humility, realizing He is nothing before a Thrice Holy God, says “what is man, that thou takest knowledge of him! Or the son of man, that thou makest account of him!” 'Makest account' here likely means 'thinketh'. “The Treasury of David” says this:

"Lord what is man, that thou takest knowledge of him!" What a contrast between Jehovah and

man! The Psalmist turns from the glorious all-sufficiency of God to the insignificance and nothingness of man. He sees Jehovah to be everything, and then cries, "Lord, what is man!" What is man in the presence of the Infinite God? What can he be compared to? He is too little to be described at all, only God, who knows the most minute object, can tell what man is. Certainly he is not fit to be the rock of our confidence, he is at once too feeble and too fickle to be relied upon. The Psalmist's wonder is that God should stoop to know him, and indeed it is more remarkable than if the greatest archangel should make a study of emmets (*ants*), or become the friend of mites. God knows his people with a tender intimacy, a constant, careful observation: he foreknew them in love, he knows them by care, he will know them in acceptance at last. Why and wherefore is this? What has man done? What has he been? What is he now that God should know him, and make himself known to him as his goodness, fortress, and high tower? This is an unanswerable question. Infinite condescension can alone account for the Lord stooping to be the friend of man. That he should make man the subject of election, the object of redemption, the child of eternal love, the darling of infallible providence, the next of kin to Deity, is indeed a matter requiring more than the two notes of exclamation found in this verse.

"Or the son of man, that thou makest account of him!" The son of man is a weaker being still, - so the original word implies. He is not so much man as God made him, but man as his mother bore him; and how can the Lord think of him, and write down such a cipher in his accounts? The Lord thinks much of man, and in connection with redeeming love makes a great figure of him: this can be believed, but it cannot be explained. Adoring wonder makes us each one cry out, Why dost thou take knowledge of me? We know by experience how little man is to be reckoned upon, and we know by observation how greatly he can vaunt himself, it is therefore meet for us to be humble and to distrust ourselves; but all this should make us the more grateful to the Lord, who knows man better than we do, and yet communes with him, and even dwells in him. Every trace of the misanthrope should be hateful to the believer; for if God makes account of man it is not for us to despise our own kind.

Ecclesiastes 7:27 - In this passage Solomon is talking about the strength of wisdom. The word 'counting' likely refers to 'adding one thing to another' and 'account' refers to 'reason'. 'Gill's Commentary on the Bible' says this:

Behold, this have I found,.... That a harlot is more bitter than death; and which he found by his own experience, and therefore would have it observed by others for their caution: or one man among a thousand, [Ecclesiastes 7:28](#); (saith the preacher); of which title and character see [Ecclesiastes 1:1](#); it is here mentioned to confirm the truth of what he said; he said it as a preacher, and, upon the word of a preacher, it was true; as also to signify his repentance for his sin, who was now the "gathered soul", as some render it; gathered into the church of God by repentance;

counting one by one, to find out the account; not his own sins, which he endeavoured to reckon up, and find out the general account of them, which yet he could not do; nor the good works of the righteous, and the sins of the wicked, which are numbered before the Lord one by one, till they are added to the great account; as Jarchi, from the Rabbins, interprets it, and so the Midrash: but rather the sense is, examining women, one by one, all within the verge of his

acquaintance; particularly the thousand women that were either his wives or concubines; in order to take and give a just estimate of their character and actions. What follows is the result.

'Clarke's Commentary on the Bible' says this:

Counting one by one - I have gone over every particular. I have compared one thing with another; man with woman, his wisdom with her wiles; his strength with her blandishments; his influence with her ascendancy; his powers of reason with her arts and cunning; and in a thousand men, I have found one thoroughly upright man; but among one thousand women I have not found one such. This is a lamentable account of the state of morals in Judea, in the days of the wise King Solomon. Thank God! it would not be difficult to get a tithe of both in the same number in the present day.

The Targum gives this a curious turn: "There is another thing which my soul has sought, but could not find: a man perfect and innocent, and without corruption, from the days of Adam until Abraham the just was born; who was found faithful and upright among the thousand kings who came together to construct the tower of Babel: but a woman like to Sarah among the wives of all those kings I have not found."

Matthew Henry says in his commentary:

Ecc. 7:23-29 -- Solomon, in his search into the nature and reason of things, had been miserably deluded. But he here speaks with godly sorrow. He alone who constantly aims to please God, can expect to escape; the careless sinner probably will fall to rise no more. He now discovered more than ever the evil of the great sin of which he had been guilty, the loving of many strange women.

Emotions in The Bible (By: Craig Glickman)

There are many verses and passages in the Bible that relate to emotions and feelings of man and our Lord Himself in trials, suffering, affliction, and of course peace and joy. The following is an ongoing study of passages that have convicted, comforted, edified, encouraged or blessed me through hearing messages, devotions and studies over the years. I hope this is a blessing and help to you and I, and that the Lord may be honored and glorified in this series of studies on emotions in the Bible. Each issue, Lord willing, will have a verse or passage in the Bible covered. I am excited and privileged to do this. Praise God! I intend to break each passage down into the following: **Passage, Emotion(s), Cause, Effect, What does the passage say?, What does the passage say to you and I?, What should you and I do about it?, How do you and I stay accountable?**

Passage: John 15:11

Emotion(s): Joy

Cause: Keeping Jesus' commandments

Effect: Joy

What does the passage say?: To start, we need to look at verses 1-11. This passage is about the relationship of believers to Christ. Christ is the vine and believers are the branches (vs. 1-5). Without Him we can do and are nothing (vs. 5-6). Abiding in Him and seeking His will for our lives allows us

to be used of Him as a vessel of mercy. When we abide in Him, our desires will be His desires for us (vs. 7). The Father is glorified by a fruit bearing disciple of Christ (vs. 8). We also need to abide (continue) in His love (vs. 9). How do we do this? Verses 10-11 is the answer. Jesus says, "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love. His commandments are listed in Matthew 22:36-40. When we keep His commandments and abide in His love, HIS joy remains in us and it is full! His joy is true joy for it is eternal! Earthly joy is temporal and fades away!

What does the passage say to you and I?: Sin breaks our fellowship with Christ, quenches the Holy Spirit's power, and robs us of true joy, His joy, in us!

What should you and I do about it?: Seek and strive to keep His commandments.

How do you and I stay accountable?: Pray and examine yourself daily and often! Ask God to show you if you are truly keeping His commandments and make sure that His joy is in you!

Only Jesus Saves! (John 14:6)

What is Salvation?

TEXT: Acts 16:22-30

1. Salvation is something you can recall and remember. (II Cor. 7:9-11)
2. Salvation is a life changing experience. (II Cor. 5:17)
3. Salvation is an undeserved experience. (Eph. 2:8-9)
4. Salvation is an urgent need! (Acts 16:29-30) (You don't know when you will die!)
5. Salvation is for right now! (II Cor. 6:2b)

:) Children For Christ :)

By Faith

Memory Verse: Hebrews 11:1 – "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Based on Hebrews 11 – Who did these things by faith? (*Answers are listed below*)

1. He offered God a better sacrifice than Cain?
2. He obeyed and made his home in the promised land?
3. He gave instructions about his bones?
4. He did not experience death?
5. She welcomed spies and was not killed with her disobedient neighbors?
6. He regarded disgrace for the sake of God to be greater than Egypt's treasures?
7. He condemned the world and became heir of righteousness?
8. He blessed his grandchildren while on his death bed?
9. He blessed his two children in an untraditional order?
10. His parents hid their baby because they saw that he was a special child?

Answers: 1. Abel 2. Abraham 3. Joseph 4. Enoch 5. Rahab 6. Moses 7. Noah 8. Jacob 9. Isaac 10. Moses

<p>“LORD, through your Spirit's power alone, please help me to have a triumphant faith, mind, victory, passion, joy and testimony!” (Eph. 4)</p>	<p>“When circumstances control your life, God is not in control!”</p>
<p>“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path, showing us where we have been, showing us where we will be and showing us where we are now!” (Ps. 119:105)</p>	<p><u>Praises</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise God for the deep hidden truths to discover in His Word! Praise God that it never grows old, is new every morning and is more up-to-date than this morning's newspaper! • Praise God for over 300 marked New Testaments distributed 4/11 in Walpole, MA! <p><u>Prayer Requests</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salvation of Wendy and friend Ben, Jacob, Kaitlyn, Sybil and Bernice (Family of Craig Glickman) • Lacroix family and friend Rick (Salvation) • Rusty and family, Jose, Rudney (Salvation) • Outreach of Heritage Baptist Church

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Thank you for reading this. I praise God for all my dear brothers and sisters in Christ and I greatly appreciate your prayers. May each and every one of you be richly blessed as we serve our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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Prov. 3:5-6 1 Thes. 5:18***

