

WILLING HEARTS

Exodus 34 :1- 36 :7

The Lord told Moses to cut out two tablets of stone from the rock again. He called Moses to come up into the mountain again so that he could talk to him. Moses got up early in the morning to go up into the mount Sinai. He took the two carved tablets with him. The Lord descended in a cloud and stood with him there and proclaimed the name of the Lord. He passed by in front of Moses and proclaimed, "The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth. Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and fourth generation."

Moses hurried, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped. Then he said, "If now I have found grace in your sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray you, go among us; for it is a stiff-necked people; pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance."

The Lord answered Moses, "Behold, I make a covenant: before all the people I will do marvels, such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation, and all the people among which you are shall see the work of the Lord: for it is an amazing thing that I will do with you. Pay attention to what I command you this day. It will drive out all the people's of the land before you. Be careful that you do not make a covenant with any of them. Destroy all their images and altars, for you shall worship no other gods but me; for the Lord, whose name is jealous, is a jealous God. Do not marry among them or they will lead you into sinning with their gods. Do not make any idols for yourselves. Keep the feasts that I command you."

The Lord continued to give Moses other commands also. Moses spent forty days and forty nights up in the mountain with the Lord. He had nothing to eat or drink during that time, and he wrote the ten commandments upon the tables of stone.

When the Lord had finished giving the commands, Moses went down from mount Sinai with the two tablets of stone of the testimony in his hand. He didn't know that his face shone from talking with the Lord. When Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, they saw that his face was glowing and they were afraid to come near him.

Moses called to them, then Aaron, and all the rulers of the people came to him. Afterward the people also came near, and Moses gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on the mountain. Until he was done speaking Moses, covered his face with a veil. But when Moses went into the tabernacle to speak with the Lord, he uncovered his face until he came out to the people again. The children of Israel saw that the face of Moses shone because he had been with the Lord.

Moses gathered all the congregation of the children of Israel together and told them, "This is what the Lord says, You are to work six days, but on the seventh you are to rest. You are not to light a fire in your homes on the sabbath day. The Lord has commanded that you shall take an offering among you. Whoever has a willing heart, let him bring the offering of gold, silver, and brass, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen and goat's hair, and rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood, and oil for light, and spices for anointing oil, and for sweet incense, and onyx stones to be set for the ephod, and for the breastplate. Every wise hearted among you shall come and make all that the Lord commands. The tabernacle, his tent, and his covering, his taches, and his boards, his bars, his pillars, and his sockets, The ark, and the staves of it, with the mercy seat, and the veil of covering, The table, and his staves, and all his vessels, and the shewbread, The candlestick for light, and his furniture, and his lamps, with he oil for light, The incense altars, and his staves, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the hanging door for the entering in of the tabernacle, The altar of burnt offering, with his brazen grate, his staves, and all his vessels, the laver and the foot, The hangings of the court, his pillars, and their sockets, and the hanging door of the court, The pins of the tabernacle, and the pins of the court, and their cords, The cloths of service, to do service in the holy place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office.

All the people left the presence of Moses. Then they came, every one whose heart was stirred up, and every one whose spirit was willing, and they brought the Lord's offering for the work of the tabernacle. They came both men and women, as many as were willing hearted and brought bracelets, and earrings, and rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold: every man offered an offering of gold to the Lord.

Every man who had blue, purple, scarlet, and fine linen, and goat's hair, and badgers' skin and rams' skins brought them. Every one offered an offering of silver and brass for the Lord, and every one that had shittim wood brought it.

All the women who were wise hearted spun with their hands, and brought what they had spun both of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine linen. All the women whose hearts were stirred up in wisdom spun goat's hair.

The rulers brought onyx stones, and stones to be set for the ephod and for the breastplate, and spice and oil for the anointing oil and sweet incense.

The children of Israel brought a willing offering to the Lord, every man and woman whose heart made them willing. Then Moses said, "See the Lord has called Bezaleel by name. He has filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship. To devise curious works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in the cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of wood, to make any kind of skilled work. He has put in his heart that he may teach, both he, and Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan.

Bezaleel and Aholiab began the work along with every wise hearted man, in whom the Lord and put wisdom and skill for the work. They received all the offering that the people had brought for the work of the service. Finally they said to Moses, "Tell the people to stop bringing things, for we have much more than enough for the work. Then Moses gave the command for the people to stop bringing offerings, because there was more than enough for the work that was to be done.

How wonderful it is to see how God worked in the hearts of these people who had been so stiff-necked and willing to worship a calf made of gold. In the place of their rebellion he put hearts of worship. The people willingly brought their treasures and precious things for the work of the Lord. They gladly gave their time to make the house of the Lord and all that pertained to it. The hearts of the people were so changed that they brought and brought gifts for the Lord. Finally, Moses had to tell them to stop bringing things because no more was needed. Truly there is no other like the Lord our God, he can change the heart that is cold towards him so that those who once rebelled now gladly will give him all that they possess.

When we see people that are skilled and talented, people who can do wonderful things, let us always remember that talent or skill comes for the Lord. Let us remember to praise and glorify and thank him for the beauty and ability, as well as appreciating the people are able to do such wonderful things.

LEARN: A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.

And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. Ezekiel 36:26,27

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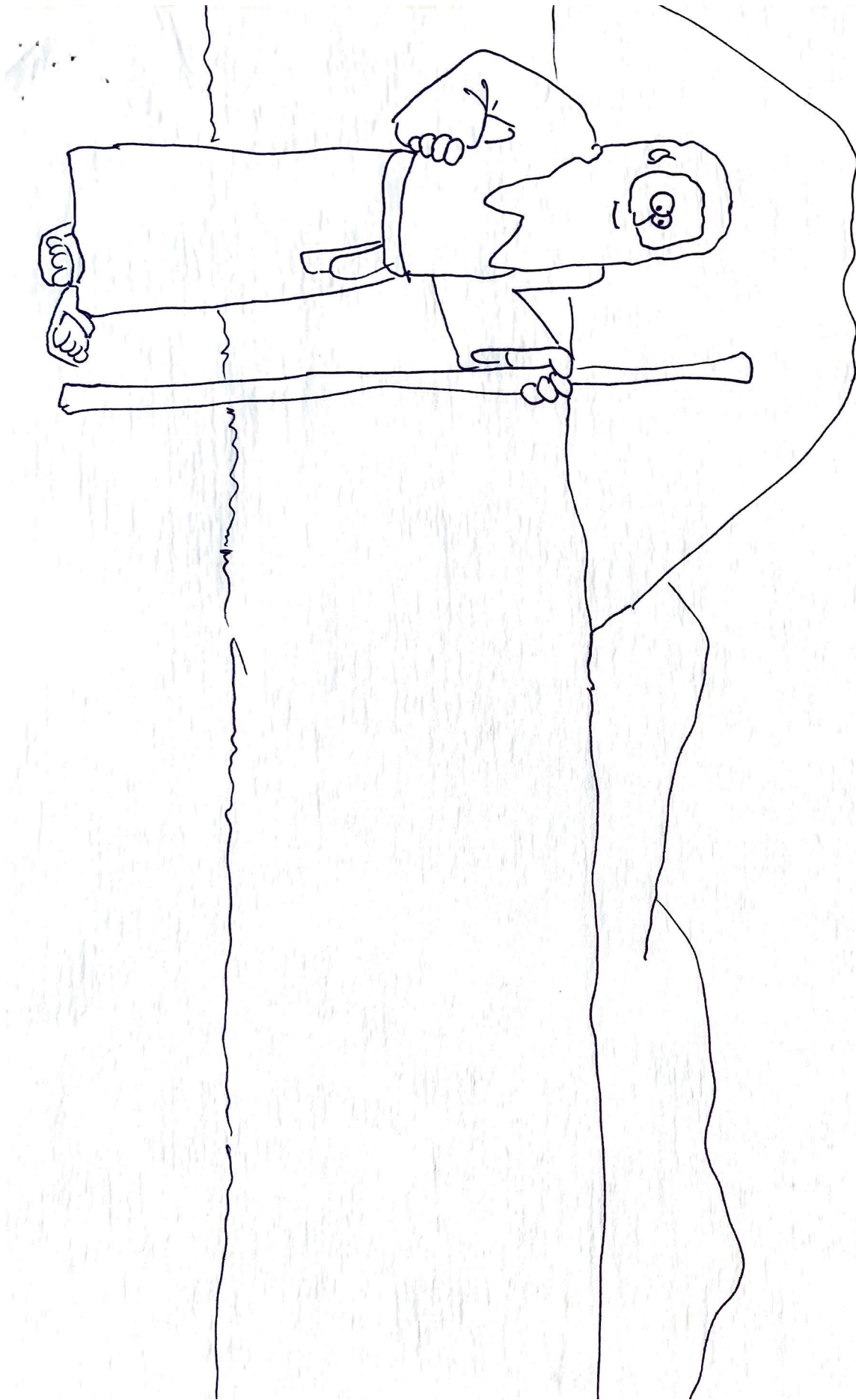
red fur for ram's skins

White fur for goat's hair

thin wood for shittim wood

gold or silver chain for
jewelry





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