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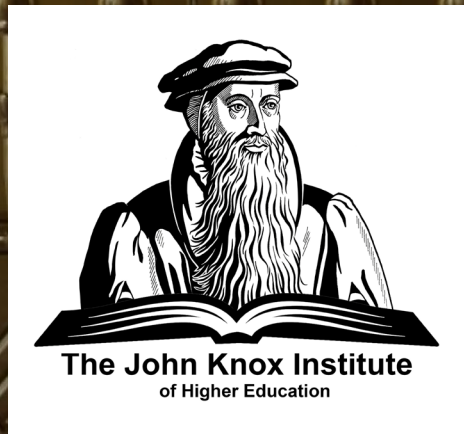
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*Lecture 3 ~*

## SETTING AND ORGANIZATION



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**Scripture Text**

*“And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty: but every woman shall borrow of her neighbour, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put them upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and ye shall spoil the Egyptians.”*

—Exodus 3, verses 21 and 22

*“And so it was, when the cloud abode from even unto the morning, and that the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they journeyed: whether it was by day or by night that the cloud was taken up, they journeyed.”*

—Numbers 9, verse 21

**Key Points**

1. God provided all the materials to build the Tabernacle.
  - a. When the Israelites left Egypt, the Egyptians gladly gave them all their precious things. (Exodus 12, verses 35 and 36)
  - b. God called for the children of Israel to donate these precious materials for the building of the Tabernacle. They gave so willingly, they had to be told to stop.
  - c. God called Bezaleel and Aholiab to oversee all the work. He filled them with the Holy Spirit in all artistic abilities, and put it in their heart to teach the people to do the work.
2. God instructed Moses on the building of the Tabernacle, from the inside to the outside. God began with the Ark of the Covenant, which is at the very center.
3. This study will move from the outside of the Tabernacle to the inside—like the believer’s experience of salvation.
4. A bird’s-eye view of the encampment of the children of Israel, according to God’s command.
  - a. God said to place the Tabernacle in the very center of the camp.
  - b. God assigned where each tribe should camp around the Tabernacle.

- c. The camp was about twelve square miles, with 2.5 million people, including herds.
  - d. God sent a pillar of cloud by day, and a pillar of fire by night above the Ark in the Holy of Holies.
  - e. When the pillar moved up, it was time to travel. When the pillar stopped, they made camp.
  - f. God gave special instructions for different divisions of Levites to pack up the Tabernacle.
  - g. God commanded the order of their procession by tribes: the Ark went before them.
5. Tabernacle ceremonies were full of blood and the smell of burning flesh, a reminder of the cost of sin.

**Review Questions**

1. How did the Israelites, former slaves, suddenly have all sorts of costly treasures when they came out of Egypt?

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2. God called for the treasures to be donated, but he told Moses to only receive gifts that were willingly given. What is the significance of this? How does it relate to giving to the church today?

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3. How did these former slaves suddenly get so much wisdom, understanding, and ability for the detailed construction of the Tabernacle?

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4. Who was Bezaleel and what does his name mean? How do the gifts he was given relate to the gifts given by the Holy Spirit in the New Testament?

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5. When God instructed Moses, in what order did he describe the building of the Tabernacle? What special piece of furniture did he begin with?

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6. What did Rev. Vergunst say will be the order for our study of the Tabernacle in this series? Why did he choose this order?

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7. God commanded the exact pattern for the encampment of the children of Israel. Where in the camp did God command the Tabernacle to be placed? Where did God place the camp of the tribe of Judah? What is the significance of that?

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8. How large an area did the entire encampment cover? Who has the right to decide where the tribes could camp their tents?

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9. When the children of Israel packed up their tents and moved from one place to another, how was the Tabernacle moved? Briefly describe who was assigned the job of packing it up.

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10. What were the Tabernacle ceremonies a reminder of? Briefly explain your answer.

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**Personal Applications**

1. What spiritual lessons do you see in how God placed the Tabernacle in the center of the camp, and the tribes of Israel all around it? Is God in the center of your life?

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2. In this lesson, we learned that God provided all the precious materials to his people, and God gave special gifts and abilities to Bezaleel and Aholiab, all for the building the Tabernacle. What lesson can you learn from this, and how can you apply it?

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